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NOTED VISITORS.

NEW YORK POLICE CHIEF IN HONGKONG.

FRIENDSHIP RENEWED.

Dinner to the Honourable Mr. Wolfe.

Among the notable passengers on the tourist ship "Laconia" now in port on her world cruise is the Honorary Police Commissioner of New York City, Mr. Edward Sykes, who is also treasurer of the Police Pension Fund. He retired a few years ago from active duty with the Police Department, but does a good deal of honorary duty in connection with various charities.

On his present tour round the world, Police Commissioner Sykes is combining business with pleasure with a view to further the project of bringing together the police chiefs of the world and to establish another step to international peace and general suppression of crime. This organization is at present handled by Commissioner Richard Enright of New York City. It was this movement which resulted in the meeting of police chiefs from all parts of the world at a conference held in New York last year which was attended by the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, the Captain Superintendent of Police in Hongkong. Several hundred thousands of dollars were donated by wealthy men in New York to bring the Police chiefs of every country together. A further reference to this conference giving the Hon. Mr. Wolfe's views will be found elsewhere in this issue.

Since the "Laconia" arrived yesterday, Police Commissioner Sykes has been in conference with the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe and gaining a thorough insight into the methods of police procedure in the Colony. In company with Miss H. A. Larson (his secretary) and her mother, Mrs. W. L. Cleveland (also travelling on the "Laconia"), Commissioner Sykes visited the Central Magistracy this morning and were accompanied by Mr. R. E. Lindell. They listened to a number of cases concerning Chinese and evinced interest in the proceedings. A noticeable change in the ordinary routine was the reading of the charges against the defendants in English before being translated into Chinese.

Hongkong Hotel Dinner.

A pleasant gathering will take place at 7.30 this evening in the Hongkong Hotel when the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe will be the guest of honour at a dinner to be given by Police Commissioner Sykes. Mr. Tregidwell (American Consul) will also be one of the local guests.

Other guests from the s.s. "Laconia" are former U.S. Senator Cornelius W. Pugsley of New York; his son, Mr. Chester D. Pugsley, lawyer and banker of New York; Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Clark on their sixth trip round the world; Captain E. T. Britten, Commander of the vessel; Judge Knarlow Knarlow, President of Court of Appeal of Finland; Captain W. R. Carson; Dr. H. Sweet; Mrs. Edith S. Sawtelle; Mr. John Vester, director of the Clark Cruise; the Rev. Father John A. McGoldrick; Dr. J. J. Brennan; Mr. Paul McGinnis, New York journalist who is commissioned to write special articles and magazine articles on observations during the trip. Miss K. A. Larson, Secretary to Commissioner Sykes, and her mother, Mrs. W. L. Cleveland will also be present.

A "Curio" On Board.

On this the second largest voyage round the world, under the direction of Clark's Cruise, the s.s. "Laconia" carries 643 passengers. The number which travelled in this luxuriously fitted ship on her first voyage in 1924 was 723.

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At the approaching meeting of shareholders, the directors will recommend a dividend for the past half year at the rate of 14 per cent. per annum free of income tax and a bonus of 8s. 6d. per share; £25,000 to be added to Officers' Superannuation Fund; £125,000 to be written off premises account; and £209,278 4s. 6d. to be carried forward.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar, on demand, to-day was 2/8 9/16.

SHARE VALUES.

CHIEF ACCOUNTANT AND "OPTIMISM."

BANK CASE EVIDENCE.

Mr. G. E. Townes, the acting chief accountant of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, was called by Mr. E. C. Jenkin in the Bank case at the Supreme Court this morning. On June 5 the Man Chuan Bank had an account with the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank. Their overdraft against stock held by the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank on that day was \$146,326.70, he said.

Having regard to the state of the Chinese Bank's account, 200 shares would not have been delivered on that day by the mere presenting of a delivery order. A payment in cash or cheque would have been required in addition. If the delivery order had been presented on that day without cash, the shares would not have been handed over. The amount involved was too large.

Cross-examined by Mr. Potter, witness said that he did not agree that at the beginning of June there was a tone of optimism and that there was less difficulty in getting shares, released by the banks. His own personal opinion at the time was that the sharemarket was too top heavy and he was not optimistic.

Mr. Potter: If a witness comes here and says that in fact he took the delivery order to the Bank, that he saw the assistant emporador and later the assistant comprador (Mr. Walker, who has since gone to Colombo) and was in fact handed the shares without payment would you be prepared to say such a thing was impossible.

Witness: It would not have been done without reference to me. Before shares are drawn or on questions of overdraft, I have to be consulted.

Mr. Potter: You mean you should have been consulted. Are you prepared to swear, remembering the thousands of transactions amounting to millions of dollars, that you were not in fact, consulted with reference to the matter.

Witness: Of course it is impossible to swear. The time was nine months ago.

Asked as to the value of the securities held against the "overdraft," witness said they amounted to \$287,000. He would have required payment of at least half of this before he released the Wharves shares.

Mr. Ross's Evidence.

Mr. C. A. S. Ross, the solicitor acting for the Chinese bank, also gave evidence. He spoke of an interview with Mr. Ross, the Special manager of G. P. and H. A. Lammet, at which he (Mr. Ross) had told Mr. Ross that the Chinese Bank had a set off against Lammet's and there was no need to bring an action in regard to the matter. Mr. Ross's reply was that he would have to see Lammet first. No mention was made of Moxon and Taylor and it came as a bombshell to him when their name was first mentioned. The letter from Johnson, Stokes and Master was the first intimation he had of Moxon and Taylor claiming to have had anything to do with it.

This concluded the case for the defence and Mr. Potter was about to call Mr. George Lammet with regard to a delivery order another witness said he had given to him (Mr. G. Lammet), when Mr. Jenkin remarked that it might be advisable, if Mr. Potter also considered calling Mr. H. A. Lammet, to ask the latter to withdraw whilst Mr. G. Lammet was giving evidence.

Mr. Potter said he had no objection although he thought it was going rather too far. "However, we have already had one charge made against us. One more doesn't really make much difference," Mr. Potter added.

His Lordship remarked that he did not think any slur was intended. It was a precaution usually taken.

Mr. G. Lammet denied, in the box, that he had any recollection of having been handed a delivery order by the witness in question on June 5. This man spoke little English and he (Mr. Lammet) spoke little Chinese. It was not likely from that point of view that they would have conducted the transaction. In addition, he (Mr. G. Lammet) had had nothing to do with it.

TREASURY BILLS.

NEW BILLS IN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

FACILITATING LOANS.

At this afternoon's meeting of the Legislative Council, two new Bills are to be introduced—one to regulate the issue of Hongkong Treasury bills in Hongkong, and the other to regulate the issue of Hongkong Treasury bills in London.

The objects and reasons of the two Bills are practically identical. Those for the first-mentioned Bill state:—

1. An experiment which was recently made of issuing Treasury bills in London on behalf of a Colonial Government proved very successful, and the Crown Agents have represented that it is desirable for several reasons that Colonial Governments generally should have power to issue such bills. Treasury bills often prove a convenient method of obtaining a temporary loan.

2. The Crown Agents point out that as a loan is usually required to pay for works of construction, the execution of which is expected to take some years to complete, it is far more economical, instead of issuing a loan at once for the whole amount, to borrow the money in instalments as required, at a comparatively low rate of interest, either by obtaining advances through the Crown Agents from other Colonies, or failing funds for such advances, by the issue of bills, and only to issue the loan when the works are well under way and when a more exact estimate of their cost can be framed.

3. This Bill is therefore introduced in order to enable the Government to borrow money by the issue of Treasury bills in Hongkong should occasion arise. It is complementary to another Bill which is to be introduced to give the Government the power to borrow money by the issue of Treasury bills in London. Both the Bills are introduced on the suggestion of the Secretary of State. They have been adapted from a draft prepared by the Crown Agents in consultation with the legal advisers of the Secretary of State.

YELLOW DRAGON.

NEW ISSUE OF QUEEN'S COLLEGE MAGAZINE.

No. 2 of Volume 27 of the Yellow Dragon has made its exit from Queen's College, and is up to the usual standard. The illustrations include an excellent photograph of Mr. A. H. Crook, the head master, and another of the College staff, which is reproduced elsewhere in this issue.

The editor (Mr. W. Kay) publishes his valedictory article. He assumed the duties in 1913, but states that "this mantle, which is showing signs of wear (it is decidedly threadbare in places) descends on Mr. Wallington who, being young, fresh, and overflowing with ideas, will doubtless infuse some fresh life and introduce some new features into this magazine, which lately has been in danger of being stereotyped." Incidentally, Mr. Kay also contributes three pages of verse on "The Ball of Queen's"—to this latest issue.

Amongst the articles are "Shakespeare's Knowledge of Geography," by "A.H.C.," "George Bernard Shaw" under the now familiar nom-de-guerre of "Zamir," "Chop Suey" by "Laughing Buddha," and a continuation of the article on "Gallies" by "H.G.W."

The remaining pages are devoted to College affairs of interest, both to past and present pupils.

A Musical will be held at the Helena May Institute on Thursday, March 25th, at 8.30 p.m. Tickets, including tea, 50 cents, each, must be booked before noon on the 24th instant.

With the case in question, and knowing nothing about it, if he had been asked to take the delivery order, he would have taken it to his brother or Mr. Chan.

Mr. H. A. Lammet was not called.

The final addresses of counsel will be given this afternoon.

JUMP FROM SHIP.

B. & S. STEAMER AFTER GROUNDING.

PASSENGERS ON ROCK.

Twelve Chinese passengers were taken off Button Rock, in the Chuan Archipelago (North China) after a B. & S. steamer had grounded there. The only inference is that they jumped ashore after the incident.

Only the bare details are available.

The "Sunning" was coming to Hongkong from Shanghai. She struck Button Rock at 7.30 p.m. on March 14.

The "Kueichow" (which also belongs to the China Navigation Co.) arrived here yesterday from Tientsin and Weihaiwei.

On the morning of March 15 she received a wireless from the "Sunning" and sent a boat to Button Rock. The passengers were taken off and put on the "Sunning" which then sailed for Shanghai. There was a moderate sea and swell but the "Sunning" did not appear any the worse for grounding.

FAMOUS GENERAL.

DEATH OF THE HERO OF GALICIA.

ALEXEI BRUSSILOFF.

(Reuter's Service.)

Moscow, March 17.

The death is announced of General Brusiloff, the famous cavalry commander, whose exploits in the Great War assisted toward many Russian victories.

General Brusiloff, who was 63 years of age, belonged to an old Russian noble family. He fought in the Russo-Turkish War of 1877-8; later became director of the cavalry school for officers at Petrograd; and became commander of the 14th Army Corps in 1909. In the Great War he commanded the Russian Army which invaded Galicia and crossed the Carpathians in the Spring of 1915. After the retreat of 1915 his army group on the Russian left wing advanced victoriously in June, 1916. After the Russian Revolution he succeeded General Alexeiev in June, 1917, as Generalissimo under the Provisional Government and conducted a temporarily successful offensive. He acknowledged the chief of the Soviet armies in May, 1920.

LONDON STRIKE.

UNIONS ADOPT A FIRM ATTITUDE.

MEN MUST RETURN.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, March 17.

The Executives of the seven Unions involved in the threatened lock-out of engineers have decided to instruct Messrs. R. Hoe and Company's men to resume work on Friday.

The men have issued a manifesto stating that they are not going to surrender.

BELGIAN FLIGHT.

PROGRESS ON WAY TO THE CONGO.

(Reuter's Service.)

Brussels, March 17.

The Belgian aviators have arrived at Mongalla on their way to the Belgian Congo.

ALAN COBHAM.

AWARDED THE AIR FORCE CROSS.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, March 17.

Mr. Alan Cobham, the British aviator, who has just returned from the Cape, has been awarded the Air Force Cross.

There was a clean bill of health for the Colony on Wednesday.

POLICE CONFERENCE.

MEETING OF CHIEFS AT NEW YORK.

LOCAL PARTICIPATION.

The Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe's Views.

An interesting statement has been issued to the Press by the courtesy of the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe in answer to certain queries in connection with his visit to New York last year for a conference of police chiefs from all parts of the world.

The questions which are referred to in the communication which follows are as under:—

1. Police Conference in New York (a) Its aims and decisions arrived at. (b) Their application to Hongkong and whether the Colony has been included in any definite scheme as a result of this Conference. (c) The question of extradition of criminals.

2. Prison Matters. Comparison of conditions in Sing Sing prison and other well-known establishments with those of Victoria Gaol in Hongkong.

3. Traffic Matters. Comparison of Hongkong traffic problems with those of New York and London.

4. If it is proposed to introduce changes of reforms in the Hongkong Police force in respect of (a) criminals and (b) traffic.

Hon. Mr. Wolfe's Reply.

The main object of the International Police Conference convened in New York in May last year was to continue the policy initiated by the Commissioner of Police, New York, Mr. Richard E. Enright, to get the Police Chiefs of the world or as many of them as possible together to interchange ideas on the subject of criminals throughout the world. This object also included as far as may be practicable the adoption of uniform methods for dealing with Police problems such as a uniform system of traffic signals, an International Telegraphic Police Code and the like. That the scheme commends itself to the Executive Authorities in many lands is shown by the fact that delegates from all over the world representing 40 nations attended the third Conference in May last in addition to delegates from all the important centres in the United States of America and Canada. It is a great step forward in the matter of International Police co-operation if the Heads of the Police Departments of different countries meet for they can then not only get to know their fellow Police Chiefs but over and above exchanging ideas on Police matters they can actively settle or discuss with a view to future settlement differences existing between them which have worked in favour of the criminal in the past.

At the earlier Conferences in 1922 and 1923 these ideas were discussed and one concrete result was the adoption of an International Police Code which any Police force may avail itself of in the course of tracking down criminals who have fled from their own to neighbouring or even far distant countries to escape the arm of the law. One of the results of the recent Conference will be the unification as far as the laws of each country allow of traffic signals. An attempt was also made to adopt a generally recognized system of finger-prints so as to facilitate applications for the surrender of fugitive criminals. If a universal finger print system could be adopted the cost of cabling descriptions of criminals would be materially reduced, but some divergence of opinion existed as to which system should be adopted. The arms and drug traffic were also discussed and recommendations agreed upon which the various Police organizations will in due course bring to the notice of their respective Governments. Hongkong is equally interested with many other countries in the satisfactory solution of many of the problems discussed and to that extent will be affected by any agreement made between the Governments concerned to carry out the recommendations of the Conference.

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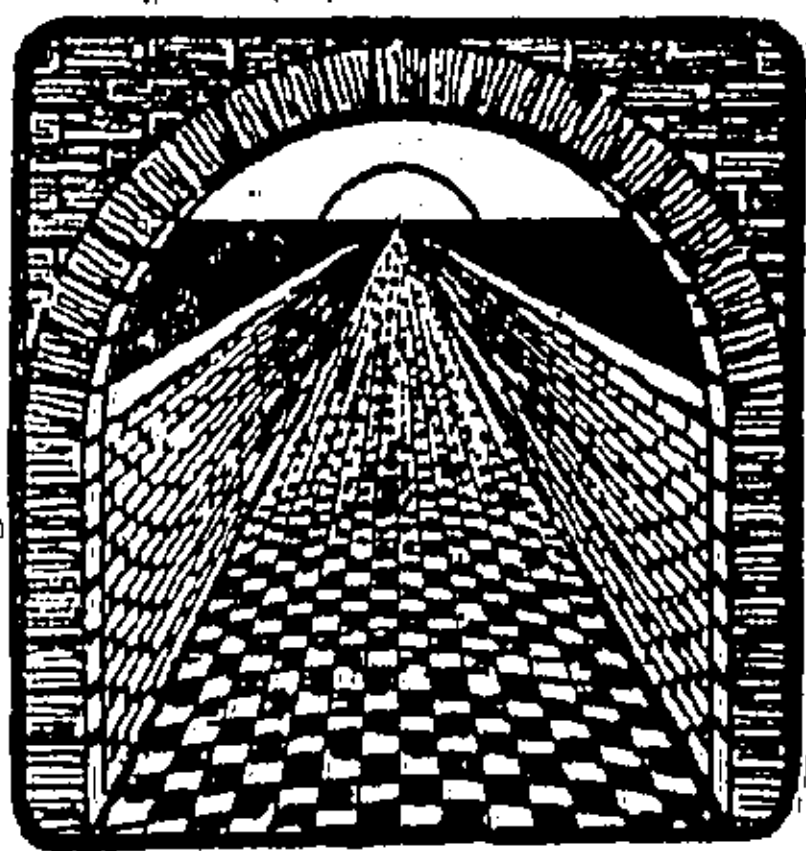
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LOCAL TREASURY BILLS.

At this afternoon's meeting of the Legislative Council the first readings of two new Bills are on the agenda, both of them dealing with Hongkong Treasury bills.

From the objects and reasons accompanying the text of these Bills it may be concluded that the Crown Agents have made out a good case for the issue of Hongkong Treasury bills in London. The local public are not usually enamoured of everything that the Crown Agents do (or do not do). Indeed, many of their actions in the past have raised a storm of criticism in other Colonies, leading periodically to a plea for their abolition.

In the present instance, the idea is gained that it is the Crown Agents who must have originally inspired the idea of the two new Bills. "The Crown Agents have represented that it is desirable for several reasons that Colonial Governments generally should have power to issue such bills." It is the Crown Agents who point out, in connection with loans for construction works, that "it is far more economical to borrow the money in instalments, either by obtaining advances through the Crown Agents from other Colonies or by the issue of bills."

Therefore, although the "objects and reasons" definitely say that both the Bills are introduced on the suggestion of the Secretary of State, it is admitted that "they have been adapted from a draft prepared by the Crown Agents in consultation with the legal advisers of the Secretary of State. Thus, it is a case of the Crown Agents first, last, and all the time. The Hongkong Government, under one of the Bills when it finally gets on the Statute-book as an Ordinance, will be enabled to borrow money in London by the issue of Treasury bills through the precious and valuable and indispensable Crown Agents of course.

It may be in practice that the experiment will work as successfully for Hongkong as we are told it did in the case of another Colonial Government (not specified by the way). It may prove to be sound finance. But this much is certain—it is going to add to the "responsibilities" of the Crown Agents and, therefore, automatically augment their "pickings" from the poor Colonial Coffer. What these "pickings" will amount to in the case of the issue of Hongkong Treasury bills cannot even roughly be calculated, as both proposed Ordinances preserve a discreet silence on this point.

"NOT ADVISABLE"

What is Canton's loss seems to be Macao's gain. We refer to the visits of tourists who are "doing" the Orient. They want to go to Canton but such visits are "not considered advisable under present conditions." Macao thus gets its proper share of attention, whilst the Colony monopolises more time than would otherwise be devoted to it. There is more than a suspicion that these world tours are regarded by numbers of us from a materialistic angle only. If there is money to be spent, we naturally desire that it should be spent in our "lower stores." But there should be a thought for the enduring things of the Colony, even though they may not appear on the immediate surface. Canton undoubtedly suffers as the result of the conditions which makes it inadvisable for perfectly friendly—and wealthy—people, to visit the place. After all, the business factor in life cannot be ignored, and is not to be despised. That side calls for regret; but the more lasting regret is that people who, if they have not read much about the Chinese—except in newspapers—have heard sufficiently about them to want to see them in their own cities and to appraise them at first hand are prevented from so doing. The impressions now, are vague and ill-defined, and not all in keeping with the centuries-old conception of Chinese courtliness, and passed on in the places from which visitors come, are not likely to lead to a true understanding of an ancient people and their modern tendencies. "Conditions in Canton"—or elsewhere, in China—are not likely to interfere with world tours of foreign people. They will continue, and the places and people who are open-minded and hearty, will receive the material benefit which follows as a result of these visits. Not only that, but their good name will be bruited abroad. The remedy is in Canton's own hands. She has made the conditions; she should alter them.

THEY SAY THAT—

History, unlike historians, never repeats itself. Mr. Philip Guedalla.

The control of prices by law does not mean cheaper food.—Lord Bradbury.

Puritanism seems to be quite unteachable by experience.—The Bishop of Durham.

Popular songs are no sillier today than they were in the solemn years of last century.—Mr. C. R. Newton.

There is more morality in £10 in the savings bank than in the Ten Commandments.—Canon Peter Green.

It is better that there should be pleasure, open and healthy than secret and sordid.—The Bishop of Birmingham.

England is a country where the taste for good music comes and goes, but where the love of bad music goes on for ever.—Sir Thomas Beecham.

The view that music is a kind of sublimated chocolate cream will persist, in spite of everything, we Puritans say to the contrary.—Mr. H. E. Wortham.

It is said that the law is a terror to evil-doers. I think nowadays we try a more revised version of that text, and say that the law is a terror to evil.—Sir Ernest Wild.

When I see martlets carried and charmed, in all earnestness, then I am far from easy, and I cease to be surprised at barbarous doings.—The Dean of Manchester.

POLICE CONFERENCE.

(Continued from Page 1.)

The question of extradition of criminals was not specifically dealt with at the recent Conference as it is very much a political question outside the scope of the Conference.

Prison Matters.

2.—Conditions in Sing Sing prison are somewhat different from those existing in the general run of British prisons. As a result of the formation of a Prisoners' Friendly Society with very ample powers, privileges are granted to prisoners who are members of this Society far greater than anything which would be permitted in either a British or continental prison. Prisoners under certain conditions are permitted to engage in work for themselves outside the precincts of the prison during certain hours daily. Much is also done for the recreation of prisoners, e.g. concerts and amusements. Prisoners may also be permitted in certain cases to possess facilities for their own recreation such as the possession and use of wireless receiving sets. Reductions of sentence can of course also be earned as in British prisons, such as Victoria Gaol, Hongkong. In not the privileges afforded it must be borne in mind that generally greater liberty can be allowed to prisoners where facilities for escape are more difficult. In the United States of America or any large country a considerable time must elapse in most cases before a criminal who abuses the trust placed in him can hope to get away successfully. In territories which are small such as Hongkong considerable restrictions must necessarily apply which would not be required were the territory even as large as say Ceylon or the Philippine Islands.

Traffic Problems.

3.—Hongkong traffic arrangements approximate on a very modest scale rather more to those of New York than London. In England mechanical appliances to assist traffic control are few and the British traffic laws do not allow light signals or in fact any mechanical signal beyond the fixed red light. In New York and American cities generally mechanical signals are used wherever possible and such signals are very much safer. Hand signals may be misunderstood, therefore mechanical signals are preferable particularly so in countries where the traffic is handled largely by native Police. Generally speaking traffic problems, i.e. the question of traffic signals in particular, are easier handled in the United States of America and Canada where the streets cross each other at right angles but older cities such as Boston have the same difficulties to contend with as are met in English towns and also in Hongkong. The increase in motor traffic, the difficulty of providing parking places and the actual congestion in the streets are problems of increasing gravity in all large cities of the world and no uniform scheme for dealing with them successfully has as yet been formulated.

4.—It is not proposed to take any immediate action to radically alter procedure in the Hongkong Police force in dealing with criminals nor in dealing with traffic problems but the experience gained by insight into the procedure of other countries will be made use of and generally adopted when and where possible.

CORRESPONDENCE.

TENNIS HANDICAPS.

(To the Editor of the China Mail.)

Sir,—In order to prevent confusion, I am desired to write and correct certain inaccuracies in "W.P.C.'s" article in the "China Mail" of 17th inst. and shall be obliged if you will kindly publish this in your next issue.

When two players, both receiving points most, the one with the lowest handicap starts from scratch, the other's handicap being correspondingly reduced (e.g. A-2/6, B-15). The match is played with A scratch B-4/6.

When both players owe points the front-marker starts at scratch, the back-marker's handicap being correspondingly reduced (e.g. A-15/3, B-4/6 is played at A-5/3 B scratch).

When one player is behind scratch, and the other in front, they play at their handicap points, (e.g. A-4/6, B-13/6 play their match at those points).

"Differential odds" only occur when a player either owes or gives 15/4 or more to his opponent. Tables of these odds are given in the Lawn Tennis Association's Annual.

Yours, etc.
L. S. GREENHILL,
From Secretary,
Hongkong Cricket Club.
March 18, 1926.

SHREDS AND PATCHES.

Hard Wear. We can trust the citizens of the United States to be severely practical. The United States Bureau of Standards has now answered the burning question: How many times can a man sit down without wearing out the seat of his trousers? The test was undertaken in connection with the durability of cloth used in making Army uniforms, and a novel machine was invented for the purpose. The world is now informed that, wearing the cloth selected for the trousers of the United States army, a man may with impunity sit down 97,000 times before the cloth shows the least sign of wearing through.

Waldstone magistrates. From trials to a cross-Courts, examining solicitor. Please make your questions as brief as possible. We want to get on. Solicitor: Yes, and I want my client to get off.

Man accused at North London court of deserting his wife. I am quite willing to make a separation order now, sir. The magistrate: You are extremely obliging.

Kingston man: My real name is George, but they call me Joe as a nick-name.

A debtor stated at Shoreditch County Court that he lived on the dole. Solicitor: You seem care-free at other people's expense. Debtor, languidly: It is the vogue now.

Woman at Shoreditch County Court: We ain't saints and we ain't sinners—we are just Hoxton.

There are many people who cannot sleep well unless their heads are to the North.

An old doggerel tells us that you should sleep with your head to the North for short days (i.e., life); to the South for longevity; to the East for riches; and to the West for travel. Apparently, one cannot sleep oneself poor, which is a great consolation.

Many modern doctors, however, hold that the head should certainly be to the North for sound sleep—this appears to be a contradiction, but it is suggested that the old doggerel has been misunderstood. The original wording is "cause one's days to be shortened." This might easily mean by sound and long sleep, the taunt being against laziness, and not affecting life at all.

The occupation that is sailors' most prolific of superstitions is the sailor's. Here are a few:—

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It is unlucky to ask a fisherman if he has had a good catch.

All naval salutes are given in odd numbers—for luck. The minute gun is the only even-numbered salute.

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ABUSING THE KING'S ENGLISH.

Missus Quickly, it may be recalled, on a certain occasion, when asking John Rugby to "go to the easement, and see if you can see my master, Master Doctor Calus, coming," gave it as her opinion that "if he do, I faith, and find any body in the house, here will be an old abusing of . . . the King's English. And the New York "Times" recently published an editorial on "The Dialect of London," in which the writer so skillfully instanced a number of examples of such an abuse that it became obvious that the individual needs no great incentive to cultivate the habit. "It was an American who first cried out against the dialect of London," but the palm for invective has passed to an Irish dramatist, St. John Ervine of Jane Clegg and John Ferguson." The article in question commences. And it goes on to assure its readers that "of educated Americans Mr. Ervine says that they do 'speak more distinctly than educated English people.'"

Be that as it may, and much more could be interestingly quoted from the article in the "Times," there is but little doubt that this question of using or abusing the King's English is one which will arouse argument for many years to come (observes the "Christian Science Monitor"). And it all hinges around personal likes and dislikes, around individual idiosyncrasies, around what is generally accepted in a locality, or at a particular period of time. After all, when everything is said and done, it surely does not make a great deal of fundamental difference whether a word be pronounced with a long "a" or a short one, whether extraordinary is pronounced "extrawdinary" or whether some one has been guilty of asking the question, "Did you ever see a squirrel eat a very pretty cher-ry?"

And yet it is just such trifles that often serve as provocative causes for all sorts of discords. The dialect of one locality stirs the denizens of another to scorn and

Here lies poor old Epitaph On a "Bunker" Gadd, Bad Goller. They very best lie he ever had.

Q. Why is it supposed to be unlucky to meet a whistling woman?

A. Because, when the nails of Our Lord's Cross were being forged, a woman stood by and whistled.

Q. Why is a black cat lucky?

A. Because nearly all Egyptian cats were sandy and tabby or barred. A really black cat was, therefore, a great rarity.

Q. Why is it unlucky to pass under a ladder?

A. Because in the old days ladders were used to hang people upon, and any one who walked under them was liable to be held for interfering with the execution and hanged too.

Seventeenth century sub-titles of books, so quaint, queer and curious as many of them were, are now—more the pity!—no longer in fashion. Here is the title-page of a pasquinade against Cromwell: "Margery Good-Cow, that gave a gallon of Milk; and kicked down the pail; and bewar'd the milkmaid; what did she merit? speak, gentlemen: or a short discourse, showing, that there is not a farthing due from this nation to old Oliver for all his pretended services; and if any thing be given his son, it must be in respect of his own personal virtues, and modest behaviours, during his being Protector, and not out of any respect to his ill-deserving father, 1658."

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A milk man has won a first from John D. Rockefeller, the richest man in the world. The retired oil magnate, resident at Longwood Road, running through his dairy town estate, was closed was refused on the pretext of John Foley, a milk man, who circulated a petition against it.

ANOTHER COUNTESS.

FAMILY DIFFERENCES
IN COURT.

CHICAGO CAUSE CELEBRE.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Chicago, March 17.
The Courts have begun the hearing of a suit by the Countess of Suffolk and her three nieces, Ladies Cynthia Mosley and Alexandra Metcalf and Baroness Ravensdale, to oust her brother, Joseph Leiter, from the trusteeship of the estate of the late Levi Leiter, a pioneer merchant prince of Chicago, valued at \$100,000, on the ground of alleged mismanagement.



Countess of Suffolk.

Levi Leiter, on the other hand is supported by another sister, Mrs. Campbell, widow of a Colonel in the British Army, and her three children.

The Countess of Suffolk is the youngest daughter of the late Levi Z. Leiter, and married the Earl of Suffolk and Berkshire, who owns 30,000 acres and is the possessor of a celebrated picture gallery and a well-known collection of old masters. They have one

THAT ULTIMATUM.

FOREIGN WARSHIPS REMAIN
OFF TAKU.

FENG TO DECIDE.

(Reuter's Service.)

Peking, March 17.
French and Italian cruisers conveyed the notification to the Foris yesterday afternoon, while H.M.S. "Curtille" handed a message to the Tsingtao flotilla.

It is understood that the foreign warships will remain off Taku until an assurance of compliance by both sides is received, or, failing that, until the expiration of the time limit.

NO WIRELESS.

No British wireless message was received from Rugby this morning owing to bad atmospheric conditions.

General Lu Chung-tin is said to have the most decided views regarding the ultimatum and takes the stand that only if the Powers concerned guarantee that the Tsingtao flotilla does not operate against the Kuomintang between the Foris area and Tientsin can the Kuomintang comply with the demands.

The whole question, however, it is reported, has been referred to Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang, and it is expected that the Kuomintang's final policy will be based on Feng's reply.

Soviet Ship Seized.

Tientsin, March 17.
The Soviet steamer "Oleg," which recently arrived at Taku, has been captured by the Fengtien warships at Taku. A search of the ship revealed enormous quantities of rifles and ammunition valued at about \$2,500,000.

The Tientsin Soviet Vice-Consul went to Taku in an effort to secure the release of the vessel, but was unsuccessful.

SLOWLY SINKING.

FATHER OF PRESIDENT
COOLIDGE.

KEEPING LINE CLEAR.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Plymouth (Vermont), Mar. 17.
Large gangs of men, equipped with snow ploughs, have been working all night long for the past



COL. JOHN COOLIDGE

few days to keep the snow-bound road clear from the railway station for a distance of thirteen miles to the house on which the interest of the United States is centred and where President Coolidge's octogenarian father is slowly sinking, so that the President may reach his father's bedside without delay should the call come.

NEW FLIGHT.

WEST ACROSS THE
ATLANTIC.

IRISH AIR PROJECT.

July has been fixed as the month for an attempted non-stop aeroplane flight westward across the North Atlantic by the Irish Free State Air Force, using a giant British machine driven by British engines. The start will be made from Clifden, on the west coast of Ireland, the point at which the late Sir John Alcock alighted in 1919 after the non-stop Atlantic flight eastward from Newfoundland which won him the "Daily Mail" £10,000 prize. He flew the 1,890 miles, aided by a following wind, in 16 hours 13 minutes. In a flight in the reverse direction from Europe winds are generally expected to be adverse, although in July experts reckon conditions should be most favourable.

First of the Kind.

Co-operating with the Irish authorities in the organisation of the attempt—which, if it is not anticipated by a projected French flight, will be the first non-stop aeroplane journey westward across the Atlantic—is Col. the Master of Sempill, a well-known British technician and pilot who flew recently from England to Ireland in a "Moth" light-plane and discussed the whole scheme with the Free State experts.

Col. C. F. Russell, Commandant of the Irish Free State Air Force, who is an experienced pilot and was in the British flying services during the war, will form one of the crew of the Transatlantic craft.

The organisers are now in consultation with several British aircraft firms as to the provision of a machine, which is to be of very large size, with an exceptional petrol capacity, and will be driven by three powerful air-cooled motors of British design and construction.

20 to 24 Hours.
After ascending from Clifden the navigator of the big machine will set a course for St. John's, Newfoundland, and under favourable conditions it is expected the flight should be accomplished in from 20 to 24 hours.

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WILD CAVE-MEN.

DISCOVERY OF LIVING
TRIBE.

INHUMAN CREATURES.

Reports of the existence of a tribe of "wild bushmen" in the Kaoko Veld of South West Africa (German Colony before the war) were brought by a Denver (U.S.A.) expedition which has returned to Capetown. The belief has been held by some that a lost tribe of strand-loopers (Dutch, shore-runner; prehistoric cave-dweller of S.W. Africa), survives between Walvis Bay and the mouth of the Kunene River.

A Herero headman told the expedition that he had seen wild bushmen but was unable to get within speaking distance as they always fled when approached by strangers.

The Denver expedition took pictures of the Kalkum bushmen.

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ADVERTISED
IN THE "MAIL."

Entertainments.

March 18-20—Queen's Theatre: Ramon Navarro and Barbara La Marr in "The Name is Woman."
March 18-19—Star Theatre: "Cythera" (the Goddess of Love).
March 18—World Theatre: Richard Barthelmess in "Sonny."
March 20—Star Theatre: "The Sport of Kings," 9.15 p.m.
March 21—Star Theatre: "No, No, Nanette," 8 p.m. and 9.15 p.m. Sports.

March 20—Hongkong Boxing Association's sixth tournament of the Season at Theatre Royal, 9.15 p.m.
April 3—"Extra" race meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club.
April 5—Fanning Hunt Steeplechase meeting at Kwantli race course, near Fanning (New Territories).

May 1—"Extra" race meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club.
June 5—"Extra" race meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club.
October 2—"Extra" race meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club.
November 6—"Extra" race meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club.

Auctions.

March 10—At Lammerts' Sales Room, Duddell Street, 3,000 bags No. 24 Java coarse grain sugar, 10.30 a.m.

March 19—Office and household furniture at Lammerts' sales room, 2.30 p.m.

March 19—Lammert Bros. at Queen's Building Godown, old iron and sundries, 11 a.m.

March 19—Lammert Bros., three second-hand cylindrical multitubular Marine boilers lying at Taijok Dockyard, 11 a.m.

Company Meetings.

March 23—Annual meeting of the Hongkong Automobile Association at Messrs. Jardine, Matheson's office, 5.15 p.m.

March 24—Fourth annual meeting of shareholders of Hongkong Engineering & Construction Co., Ltd., at St. George's Building, Chater Road, 11 a.m.

March 25—Forty-second ordinary meeting of the Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd., at St. George's Building, Chater Road, 11 a.m.

March 26—Fifty-seventh meeting of the Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., at Messrs. Jardine's offices, at noon.

March 27—Forty-first meeting of A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., at Hongkong Hotel, 11 a.m.

Miscellaneous.

March 24—Annual meeting of the Hongkong Rationalist Association, 5.15 p.m.

March 26—Extraordinary meeting of the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders at 6 p.m. in the Reading Room of the Institution.

March 30—Display of singing, dancing and recitation by pupils of Peak School, at the Peak Club, 5.15 p.m.

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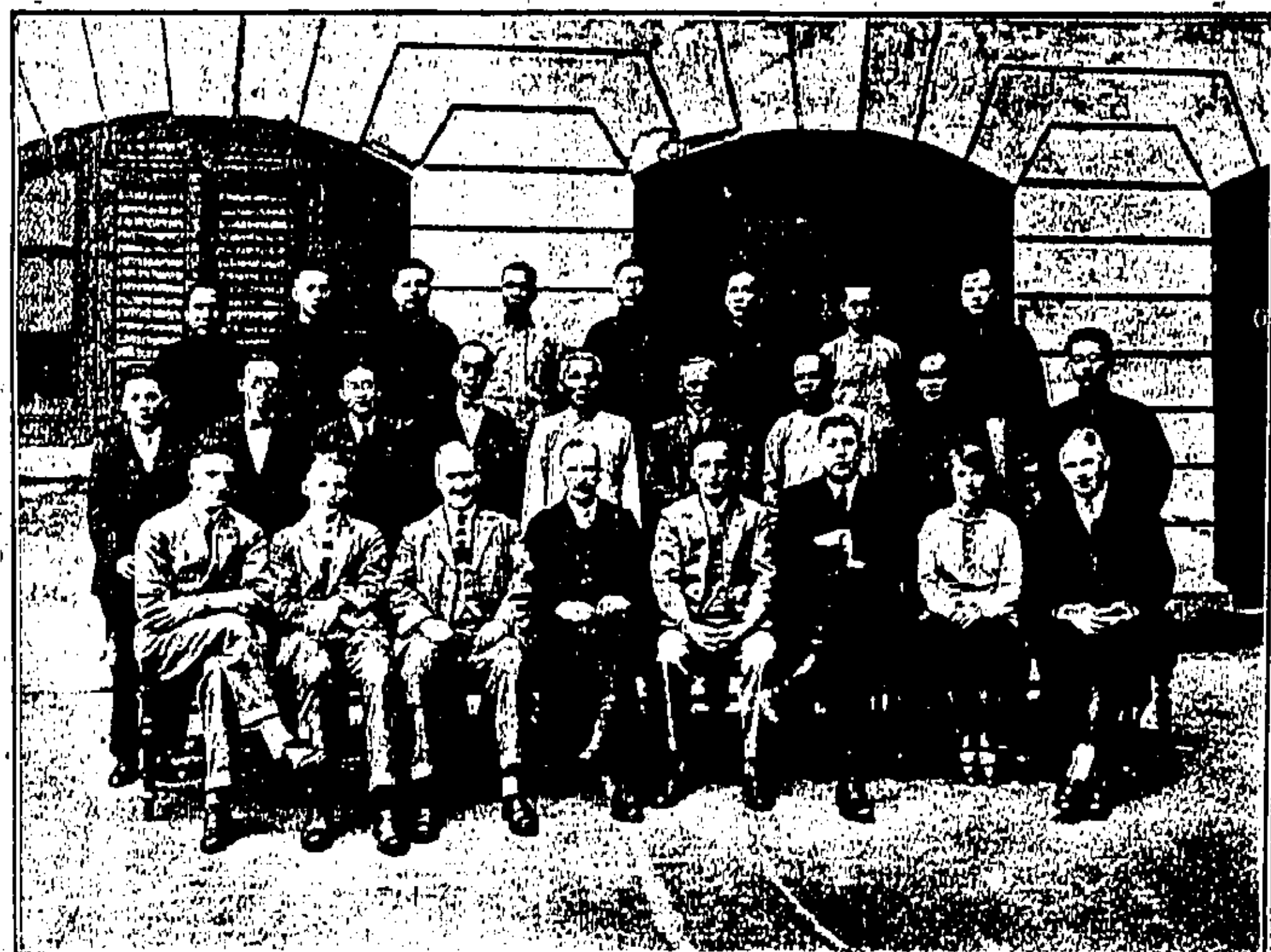
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Princess Stephanie Dolgowsky, of Russia, is on a lecture tour on the lives of some of the Russian Czaars.

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It was laid down some time ago that the staff of the Chamber should receive special scales of pay for extraordinary sittings, with higher pay for night sittings. From 9 o'clock at night to 1 in the morning counts as one night sitting and if the Chamber continues to sit until later, another special subsidy becomes due.

Under this provision the four Palais Bourbon gardeners, though they never sit up all night, have received this extra pay. The small staff at Versailles, where the Deputies have a reserve Chamber hall in case of necessity, is also paid for night sittings. This staff includes one gardener.

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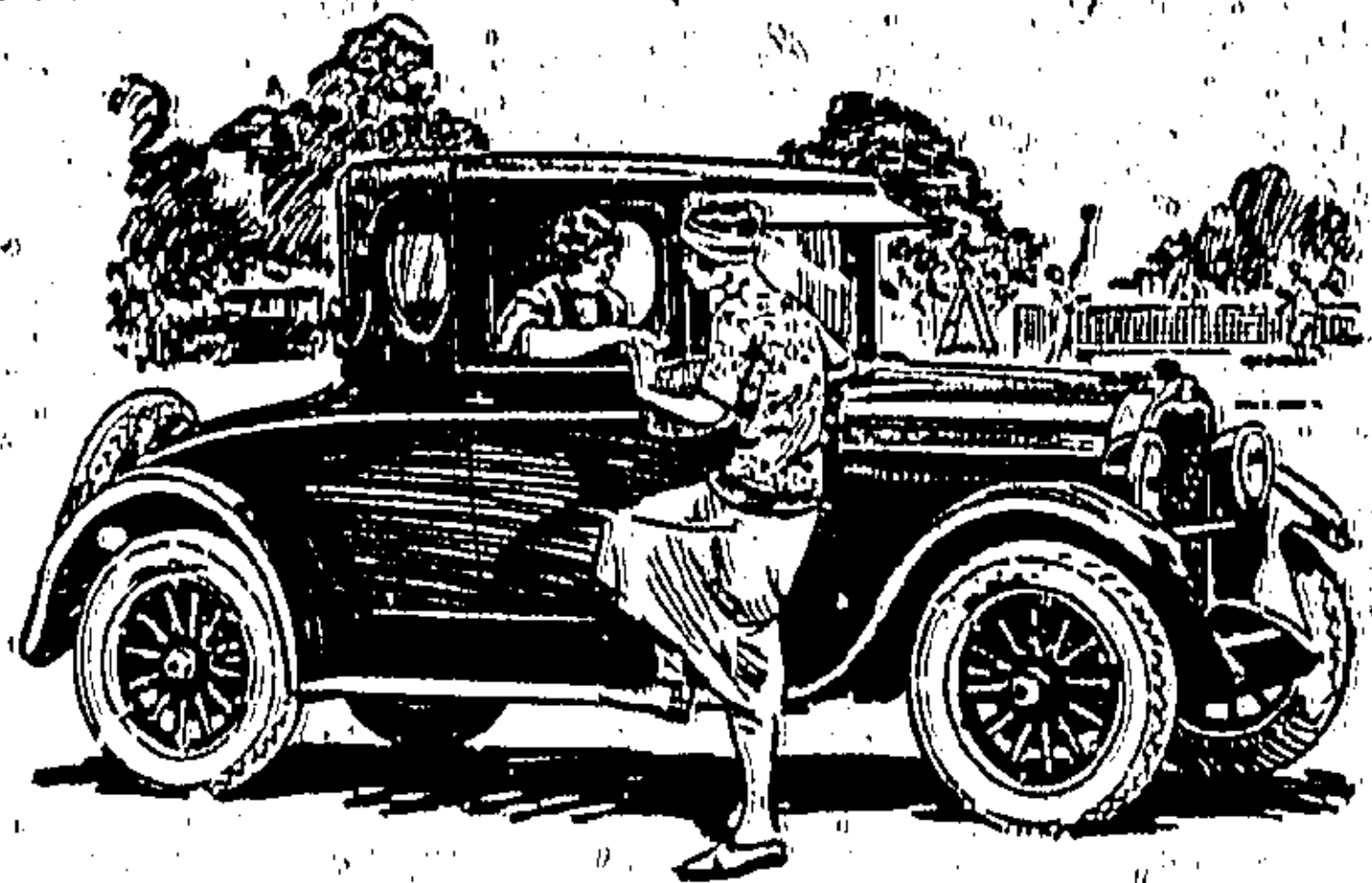
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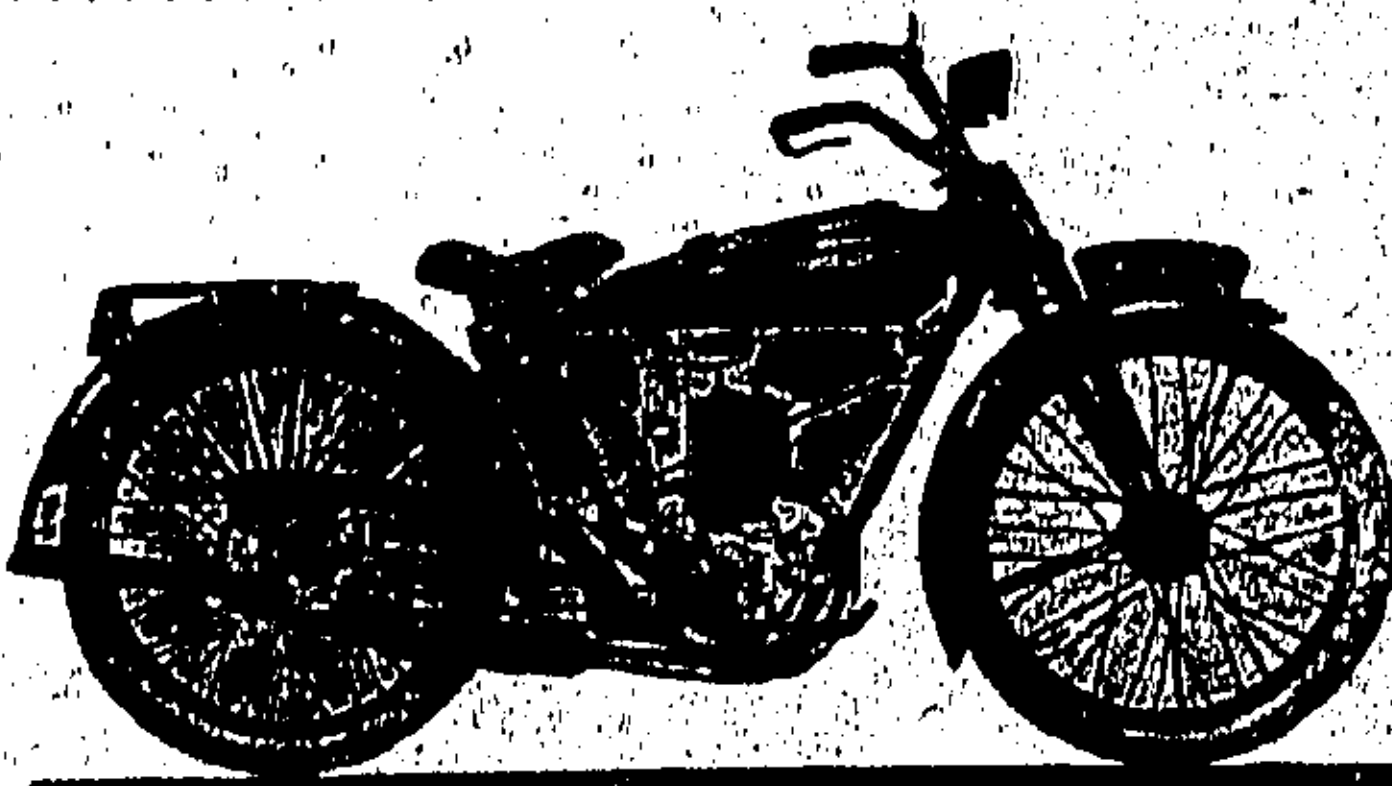
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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

At an inquest at Truro, Cornwall, the court declined the offer of a representative of Messrs. Nobel's Explosives Company, Ltd., to show that while he held a stick of dynamite in his hand it would burn without exploding.

The committee of the Ceylon Association in London has forwarded the liquidator of the British Empire Exhibition, as a refund for the benefit of the Exhibition, the \$500 which the Exhibition authorities granted as a contribution towards the cost of Ceylon's participation in the Exhibition.

It is understood on good authority, says the "N.C. Daily News," that a number of local merchants are proposing to establish still another bank in Shanghai, with branches all along the Lung-Hai Railway. The new institution will be known as the Lung-Hai Banking Corporation and it will have a fully paid up capital of \$7,000,000.

Mr. E. R. Park, presiding at the annual dinner of the East India section of the Motor Traders' Association, said that the motor industry had at last turned the corner. Surplus cars, imported during boom years, had been disposed of, though at low figures, and importers could now look forward to a clear market for the sale of cars and lorries.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer frequently has to acknowledge in the newspapers "conscience money" anonymously sent to the Treasury by some penitent income tax dodger, and other Government departments also receive such offerings. But it is unusual for local authorities to have restitution made to them of unpaid licences, writes a correspondent. A few days ago £45 was received by the L.C.C. as "conscience money" in respect of armorial bearings licence duty. The annual fee for using a crest on your notepaper or your silver, or even a signet-ring is £1 1s.; if such an emblem appears on a carriage motor-car it costs £2 2s. a year.

The health return for the 24 hours ended Tuesday show two further cases of rabies.

The committee of the Hongkong Chinese General Chamber of Commerce will meet at 2.30 p.m. on Friday (March 19).

The annual general meeting of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce is to be held in the Old Chamber of Commerce Room, City Hall, on Thursday, March 25, at 4 p.m.

N. H. Poul, a pupil of Colfe Grammar School, Lewistam Hill, S.E., has won a history scholarship at Queen's College, Oxford, of the value of £30 a year; a State scholarship of about £60 a year; and a school leaving scholarship of £50 a year.

Addressing the Leeds Luncheon Club, the Bishop of Ripon (Dr. Burroughs) said he thought the word "Locarno" was being much overworked journalistically, and added that he even had submitted to him a hymn the first line of which was "God of Locarno."

When members of the Bagshot (Surrey) Urban Council agreed at their meeting that the baths ordered for Council houses were not big enough for adults, the Chairman ordered a bath to be brought in. He entered the bath and lay in it. The Council then approved the baths.

Those who suppose that there is only one Chinese language will be interested to know that in the recent foreign language examination for Army officers one subject was Chinese and the other "Colloquial Pekinese." The two languages are quite distinct, and this is probably the first time that any Englishman not connected with the Chinese Consular Service has passed an examination in the latter language. For several years, until recently, there was only one officer in the Army List who had passed in Cantonese, another of the languages of China.

The Regimental Orders of the Malay States Volunteer Regiment says that a silver salver suitably inscribed is being given to the Officers, 2nd Battalion Royal Sussex Regiment before the departure of the battalion for India. During their tour of service in Malaya, the officers and all ranks have helped us very much indeed in our training.

At a sale on January 14 and 15 at the American Art Association, the Lord Amherst-Walter T. Wallace copy of "Robinson Crusoe" went for \$3,625. This is the first edition, with the catchword always at the foot of first page of the preface, the word apply incorrectly spelled apply on verso of preface, and line 12 on the verso reading dispatch'd.

The restrictions placed by the Tokyo Police on the dance halls have now been put into force in Osaka, where no dancing will be allowed after 10 o'clock, no drinks may be served on the same premises as the dancing takes place, no lights may be dimmed, and no minors, students, or intoxicated persons allowed in. According to the "Osaka Mainichi" there are four dance halls in Osaka. The new regulations have been enforced because the neighbours complained of the noise of the gramophones.

The new Chinese Chief of Police at Shanghai, Colonel Yen Chung-chang, has revived the old style of paternalistic literature in his frequent proclamations posted outside his headquarters for the guidance of the people. Whereas proclamations of former chiefs were couched in stiff, formal and business-like language, Colonel Yen's proclamations appeal to the family instinct, which is so strong among the Chinese. One of his recent proclamations was addressed to "his sons" and lectured the people on the breaking of the peace by unlawful assemblies. "Fathers should tell their sons and teachers should tell their students to attend diligently to their own business," he said. "I treat the people as my sons and am willing to give them advice."

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. G. E. Osland-Hill, Postal Commissioner at Canton, is sailing for Hong by the "Empress of Canada" on Saturday. He will be accompanied by his wife and daughter.

Mr. H. V. Barge, manager of Messrs. Whiteaway, Ltd.'s branch at Seremban, has left for Home, and will be away for six months. Mr. Crenson succeeds him as manager of the branch.

Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Knight formerly of Hongkong who returned to Shanghai last week, are staying with their old friends Dean and Mrs. Symons. They expect to be in Shanghai till late in April, when they will return to England.

The High Commissioner, F.M.S., has approved the following promotions in the Malay States Volunteer Regiment:—Captain (acting Major) N. J. A. Foster, M.C., and J. V. F. Macdonald to be Majors, Lieutenants (acting Captains) J. B. Scrivenor and W. A. D. Edwards, M.C., to be Captains, Second-Lieutenants H. W. Steele, T. Latham and A. C. Godding, M.C., to be Lieutenants.

Dr. Robert Chidley Holloway, youngest son of the late Mr. Henry Holloway, of Singapore, passed away on the 28th ult. at the age of 42, and was buried the following morning by Archdeacon Swindell. Deceased was the first student to obtain his diploma at the local Medical School and belonged to a well-known local family. He is survived by three brothers, one of whom is a Government pensioner, one in the service of the Singapore Municipality as a Mechanical Engineer and the third an assistant in the firm of McAllister at Penang.

Several Penang and other well-known people left for home by the P. & O. "Mantua" last week. Among those were Mr. E. E. Chambers, manager of the Penang branch of the Chartered Bank; Mr. G. F. Robson, of the Singapore Harbour Board; Mr. E. G. Bird, of Calbeck, MacGregor; Mr. J. Wilkinson, of Islay, Kerr and Co.; Mr. J. A. Macdonald; Mr. D. T. Middleton, of Nova Scotia; Estate Teluk Anson, and Mrs. Middleton; Mr. J. M. Pennycook, of the Eastern Smelting Co., Penang; Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Evans, of Sumatra; Major and Mrs. C. E. Morris; Mr. W. Price, of Whiteaway, Ltd.; and Mr. R. H. Boyne, Miss Howard, Mr. W. H. Braddon, Mr. W. Duncan, Mr. E. B. Marsden, of Meranti, Lapan Estate, Ipoh, and Mr. E. R. Salisbury.

Mr. W. Kay of Queen's College, proceeds on Home leave on Saturday next.

Mr. H. Holt, a famous American publisher has just died. In an interview a few years ago he frankly said that American literature "was going to the dogs" because of cheap magazines.

The death is announced at Redruth, Cornwall, in mail week, of Mr. Joseph Rich, eldest brother of the honble Mr. J. H. Rich, at the age of sixty-eight years. He was a director of several Malayan mining companies.

Sir Harry Lauder, in speaking of his travels describes, how, when travelling between India and China, his ship was caught in a cyclone. "One blow turned our 15,000 ton ship right round," he said, "and another blew it back again." There was great excitement when the vessel narrowly missed a hidden reef, and Sir Harry had a word of praise for the expert seamanship which enabled the vessel to avoid it.

The death took place in a London nursing home, on March 1, of the Rev. Thomas Stamford Raffles, rector of Loxden, near Colchester, at the age of 72 years. He was a cousin of Sir Thomas Stamford Raffles, founder of Singapore, and the father of Mr. S. C. Stamford Raffles, O.B.E., Commissioner of Trades and Customs, F. M. S., to whom sympathy is extended. The Rev. Thomas Stamford Raffles was the head of the Raffles family, the elder branch having died out.

An amusing incident occurred during the visit of the King and Queen to the British Industries Fair when a Salvationist lass begged a donation to the Self-Denial Fund. The King and Queen stopped and smilingly felt their pockets for their purses and looked helplessly at each other having discovered that they were penniless. The members of their entourage, however, came to the rescue with a handsome contribution. The King purchased a fountain pen, inscribed on a broad nib. He was also interested in a mechanical race game. The King backed the white horse and the Queen the black horse. Others backed other colours. There was loud laughter when the black won and the white was last. Their Majesties watched the manufacture of a tennis ball and were delighted to learn that British balls were used at the Cannes tournament.

Dr. Wellington Koo, former Minister of Foreign Affairs, is reported in Chinese circles to have contributed a large amount of money towards the development of science and the application of western sciences in China, says the "N. C. D. News."

Mr. A. Brooke Smith, who is retiring from China next month after nearly thirty years spent in Hongkong and Shanghai in connection with the old Hongkong Cotton Mill and the Ewo Cotton Mill in Shanghai, was presented at the annual meeting of the latter company last week with a silver salver as a mark of appreciation and token of esteem. Mr. Gordon Mackie made the presentation.

At Mehtone, close to the Italian border, lives Blasco Ibanez. Mrs. C. N. Williamson, head of the automobile school of fiction, has a villa at Monte Carlo; so has the Baroness Orzy. Also Mary Garden, and Lady de Bathe (formerly Mrs. Langtry), and Mirza Khan, Persia's lately deposed Shah. At Cannes are W. J. Locke, Brand Whitlock, and the Aga Khan, supposed to be half-divinity. E. Phillips Oppenheim is at Capri; Maurice Maeterlinck near Venice and Lloyd Osbourne at Cap d'Antibes.

Who has the most extensive mastery over foreign tongues? Sir Donald MacAlister, the veteran Principal of Glasgow University, writes fluently in several languages and not long ago issued a book of poetical translations from and into the speeches of various races. Another Scot, Sir Ronald Ross, poet and scientist, is said to be the master of twenty-four tongues, while one of the foreign correspondents of the "Times" speaks no fewer than eighteen. There must be specialists who hold even more surprising records.

Dame Nellie Melba, on February 1, denied the report that she proposes to live permanently in Australia at the conclusion of her farewell tour. She said that she was not thinking of returning to Australia for 12 or 18 months, after which she would visit her home annually, and then return to the "big world." Dame Nellie Melba said that she had no definite plans for entering politics. It was true that she had been asked to stand for a constituency in England, but if she did anything of that sort it would be in her own country, which it was her ambition to help.

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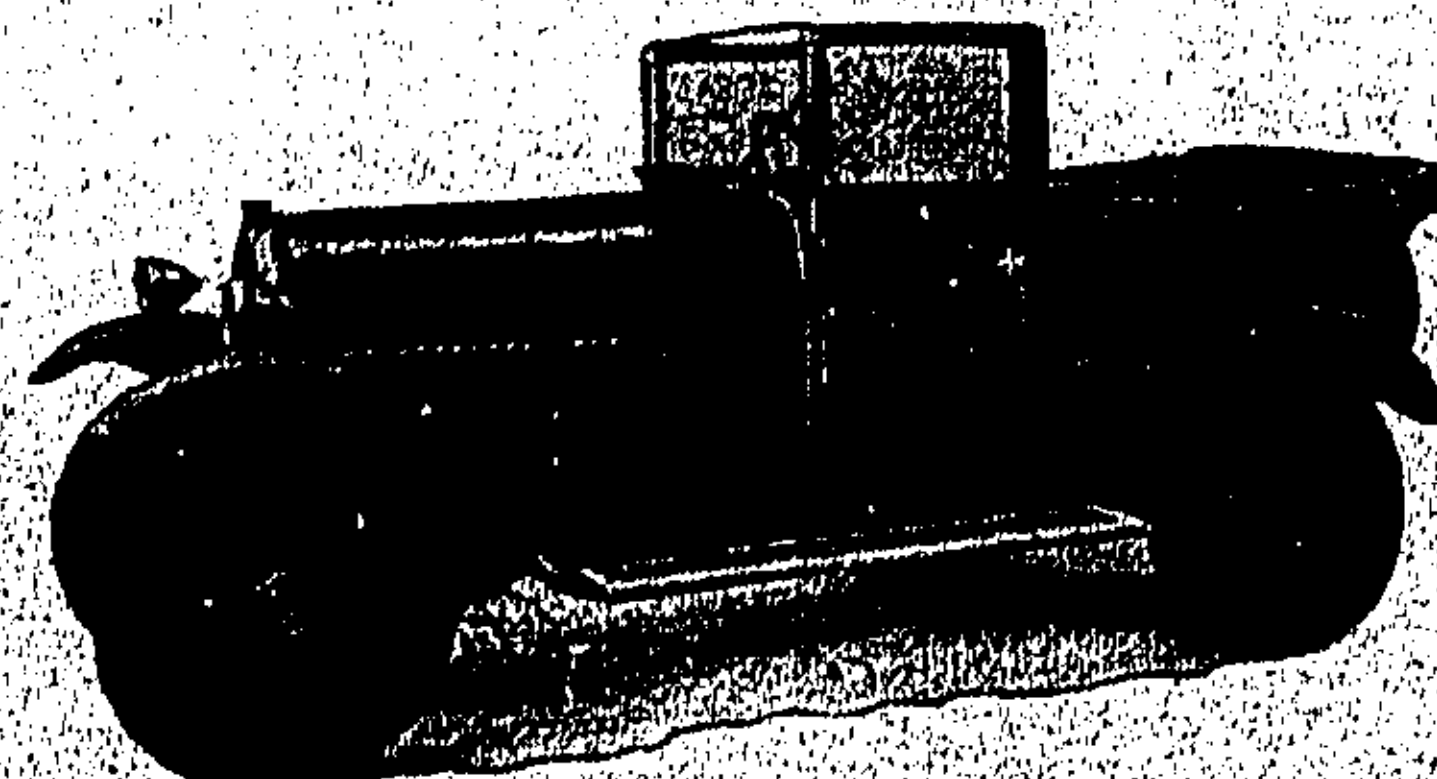
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INTERPORT CRICKET.

PROJECTED VISIT TO MALAYA.
STRONG REPRESENTATION.

Those who have had anything to do with the business of getting up an interport cricket side to play away will not need to be told of the difficulties confronting the sponsors of the proposed visit of a Hongkong team to Malaya.

At present it is hoped that the Hongkong team, of possibly thirteen or fourteen strong, will leave about May 15.

Names cannot be mentioned at present, as the question of leave is of paramount importance.

Mr. R. Hancock may be able to go and, if he does his work, of course, be captain.

The tentative list shows that Hongkong will be well represented. There are a number of men who would get their places even if playing in the "Colonies." With some players in the services, it is hoped to get together a side that will do justice to Hongkong cricket in all departments, batting, bowling and fielding.

Mr. "Tom" Pearce, of course, will not be available as he will be on leave at home.

ARTICLES SIGNED.

LOCAL BOXING MATCH FIXED UP.
SATURDAY'S PROGRAMME.

In the presence of Mr. J. Brook (manager of the Hongkong Boxing Association), Staff-Sergeant Hunt, a number of interested parties, and the sports representative of the "China Mail," articles were signed last night between Kid Alfred and Stoker Naegelin for the main event at Saturday night's boxing in the City Hall.

The bout will be at the feather-weight limit (126 lbs.), over 15 two-minute rounds, N.S.C. rules, with a referee and two judges. Purse \$400 (winner \$300 and loser \$100).

A number of side stakes were put up on the spot.

Yesterday the Frenchman was 121½ lb. and Alfred was two pounds lighter. Both men have been in training for some time, and are very fit.

They previously met twice in Saigon, both times over 12 rounds of two minutes each. Naegelin got the decision on the first occasion and the second meeting ended in a draw. Both are confident this time, and a splendid contest should be seen.

The boxing public should make a point of supporting the H.K.B.A. on Saturday as the officials (especially Mr. Brook) have gone to immense trouble to bring the men together.

Naegelin has put himself in the very capable hands of Staff-Sergeant Hunt, and Kid Alfred is training with a number of local boys, headed by Iron Box and Bertie Maher.

The preliminaries and semi-final for Saturday are as previously announced.

SOCCER IN RAIN.

TWO LOCAL GAMES PLAYED YESTERDAY.

SURREY'S LEAGUE WIN.

Two local football matches were played yesterday in spite of the rain.

On the Soekampoo "E" ground, the 1st East Surrey Regiment took two points in the senior league from the Hongkong F.C.

In the second half, the infantrymen profited by a misunderstanding on the defenders' part. Macklesworth placed nicely, and Butler headed the ball entering a corner of the goal. This was all the scoring. Teams were:—

1st East Surrey:—Douglas; Cooper, Jordan; MacGreavey, Garland, Bristowe; Charlesworth, Cheeseman, Humberstone, Butler, Macklesworth.

H.K.F.C.:—Rodger; Gerrard, Bishop, Lyon, Howard, Watson; Brodie, Forsyth, Bowker, McBride, Morrison.

"Friendly" Match.

On the slippery Chinese ground at Happy Valley, the South China senior XI lost to the Royal Artillery by 5-2.

At half-time the score was 2 all; the gunners were 2 goals up in the first ten minutes.

The following will represent the University XI in a cricket match against the Hongkong C.C. on Saturday, at 2 p.m. on the University ground:—A. A. Ramjaha (captain), H. N. Balhatchet, W. M. Gittins, C. W. Lam, Dr. D. K. Samy, D. L. Laine, S. Hachijima, S. O. Shahabudin, E. Zimmern, S. V. Gittins and B. P. Ng.

DAVIS CUP.

DRAW FOR THE FIRST ROUND.
IN THE TWO ZONES.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Washington, March 17.

The draw for the first round of the Davis Cup (lawn tennis) has been drawn as follows:—

European Zone.

Argentina v. Hungary.
Spain v. Ireland.
Britain v. Poland.
Rumania v. Italy.
Holland v. Belgium.
South Africa v. Portugal.
Sweden v. Switzerland.
France v. Denmark.
India v. Czechoslovakia.
Austria meets the winner of the South Africa v. Portugal tie.

American Zone.

Cuba v. Canada.
Japan v. Mexico.
The Philippines meet the winner of the Japan v. Mexico tie.

M.C.C. TOUR.

MATCH WITH JAMAICA DRAWN.

THREE CENTURIES.

(Reuter's Service.)

Kingston, March 17.

The match between the M.C.C. and Jamaica was left drawn today. Scores:—



Roy Kilner, the Yorkshire and England all-rounder.

Jamaica (1st) 255 runs. Scott made 58.

M.C.C. (1st). 476 runs for 9 wickets declared. Captain T. O. Jameson made 110. F. Watson 103 not out. E. J. Smith 50. Roy Kilner 54.

Jamaica (2nd) 277 runs for 5 wickets. Scott made 72. Nunes 140 not out.

BOAT RACE.

OXFORD ROWS ANOTHER TRIAL.

PUTNEY TO MORTLAKE.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, March 17.

The Oxford University boat race crew rowed a trial this afternoon from Putney to Mortlake in 19 minutes, 7 seconds.

HOME RUGGER.

INTER-HOSPITAL CUP FINAL.

ST. THOMAS WINNERS.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, March 17.

In the final of the inter-hospital rugby cup, St. Thomas beat Guy's by 5 points to nil at Richmond.

KOWLOON GOLF CLUB.

A resolution to alter the rules of the Kowloon Golf Club was to have been discussed yesterday. There was not a quorum and the meeting was postponed till next week.

The following will represent the University in a hockey match against Diocesan Girls' School tomorrow, at 4 p.m., on Kowloon football ground:—Miss F. Wong (captain), Miss P. Ruttonjee, Miss I. Ho Tung, Mrs. G. W. Keeton, Miss R. Kwok, Miss L. Pau, Miss T. C. Tseng, Miss H. Yuen, B. K. Jap, C. K. Ong, T. P. Wu.

The following have been selected to represent the Hongkong Cricket Club "Outcasts" v. University on Saturday:—H. J. Armstrong, C. L. R. Becher, H. C. Burgess, S. H. Garrod, A. W. Hayward, H. Owen Hughes, G. P. Lammert, E. J. R. Mitchell, T. D. E. Pendered, Rev. T. B. Powell, L. P. Ralph.

[Bus will leave H.K.C.C. at 1.45 p.m.]

The Club's 2nd XI fixture v. Police has been cancelled.

HOME SOCCER.

F. A. CUP TEAMS IN THE LEAGUE.

HOW THEY FARED.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, March 17.

League football matches played to-day (home team given first) resulted:—

ENGLISH LEAGUE.

Division I.

Arsenal 4, Sheffield 0.
Everton 2, Sunderland 1.
*Manchester City 0, Blackburn 1.
*Bolton 3, *Manchester United 1.

Division III (South).

Southend 0, Millwall 2.
Division III (North).

Chesterfield 4, Coventry 3.
Scottish League.

Kilmarnock 3, *Aberdeen 0.
Dundee 1, *Glasgow 2.

[Teams left in the semi-finals of the English and Scottish F. A. Cup competitions are marked with an asterisk.]

The respective tables now stand:—

English League.

Division I.

Team P. W. D. L. F. A. Pts.
Huddersfield 33 18 10 5 74 47 45
Sunderland 33 17 10 6 78 59 40
Arsenal 32 17 6 9 69 50 40
Bury 33 17 3 13 73 67 37
Sheffield U. 34 15 6 13 84 70 36
Manchester U. 34 15 5 11 52 53 35
Aston Villa 32 12 10 10 66 57 34
Everton 35 9 16 10 62 65 34
Leicester 35 13 8 14 63 66 34
Blackburn 35 12 10 13 74 68 34
Bolton 34 14 5 12 62 60 33
Liverpool 32 11 11 10 54 48 33
Tottenham 33 12 7 13 55 63 32
W. Bromwich 32 12 7 13 65 62 32
Newcastle U. 32 11 10 11 64 62 32
Birmingham 35 13 6 16 56 66 32
Cardiff City 32 12 5 15 52 68 30
West Ham 32 12 4 15 52 68 30
Leeds U. 33 11 6 15 54 62 28
Sheff. Wed. 33 10 15 7 44 54 25
Notts County 32 8 9 16 59 90 25

Division III (South).

Team P. W. D. L. F. A. Pts.
Bristol C. 33 17 0 7 54 35 43
Reading 32 17 0 6 54 39 43
Plymouth 31 17 0 7 81 55 41
Brighton 30 16 0 6 70 54 38
Millwall 31 15 8 8 53 28 38
Gillingham 33 15 5 13 47 37 35
Southend 33 15 3 14 62 54 33
Swindon 32 14 5 13 50 40 33
Luton 33 13 6 14 62 63 32
Northants 31 13 5 13 61 61 31
Newport 32 12 7 14 48 51 31
Weymouth 32 12 7 13 57 64 31
Methyrd 33 11 8 14 52 60 30
Brentford 32 13 4 15 51 71 30
Aberdare 31 13 4 14 62 53 30
Bournemouth 32 12 6 14 49 73 30
Charlton 31 9 11 11 35 42 29
Crystal P. 31 13 2 16 52 58 28
Norwich 32 12 6 15 46 58 28
Bristol R. 31 10 6 15 50 52 26
Bristol S. 32 9 6 17 50 58 26
Exeter 32 9 6 17 50 58 26
Q. P. R. 33 5 8 20 29 62 18

Division III (North).

Team P. W. D. L. F. A. Pts.
Bradford 33 21 5 7 75 35 47
Rochdale 32 19 5 8 76 48 43
Grimsby 31 18 7 6 70 33 43
Chesterfield 32 18 4 10 73 40 40
Nelson 32 15 8 9 77 45 38
Hartlepool 33 16 5 12 68 62 37
Crewe 31 15 5 11 55 49 35
Halifax 33 13 9 11 43 45 35
Aldershot 34 13 9 12 50 48 35
Coventry 32 14 5 13 50 56 33
Durham 33 15 3 15 54 56 33
Doncaster 31 11 9 6 60 49 30
Rotherham 32 12 6 14 50 71 30
N. Brighton 31 13 4 14 51 58 30
Accrington 32 13 3 16 60 80 29
Wigan 33 11 12 10 57 58 29
Tranmere 31 12 4 15 50 69 28
Wrexham 32 9 9 14 55 73 27
Lincoln 32 11 4 17 50 71 26
Southport 31 7 10 14 45 60 24
Walsall 33 6 5 22 45 94 17
Barrow 33 6 2 25 43 77 14

Scottish League.

Goals.

Celtic 30 20 6 4 76 32 46
Hearts 33 18 7 8 70 46 43
Airdrieonians 32 10 4 9 82 46 42
St. Mirren 33 16 7 10 49 45 39
Motherwell 34 15 8 11 60 44 38
Rangers 32 16 5 11 68 47 37
Falkirk 33 13 11 8 51 47 37
Cowdenbeath 33 15 5 12 67 66 35
Kilmarnock 32 15 5 12 67 66 35
Dundee 33 12 8 13 39 52 32
Aberdeen 33 11 9 13 45 41 31
Hamilton A. 32 11 8 13 61 70 30
Partick T. 31 11 12 53 59 27
Hibernians 33 11 5 17 64 64 27
Morton 32 10 6 16 45 66 26
Raith R. 32 11 3 18 42 65 25
Queen's Park 32 11 3 18 55 73 25
St. Johnstone 32 8 16 37 66 74
Dundee U. 31 9 5 17 38 60 23
Clydebank 32 7 6 19 49 72 20

LOST POSITION.

WORK OF LEAGUE NOT AFFECTED.

GENEVA CURTAIN DOWN.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, March 17.

The speeches in the Assembly were broadcast, being heard distinctly in London.

A report from Geneva says that the German delegates listened in their hotel to the speeches in the Assembly, and were most impressed with the declarations of Sir Austen Chamberlain and M. Briand, and especially with M. Briand's warm expression of friendship for Germany.

"The League must now retrieve the lost position." With these words plus hope the work of the League will not be arrested, but progress for the benefit of humanity. Thus Viscount Ishii closed a momentous session.

Brazil's Loyalty.

Senhor Franco, in the course of his opening statement, said that the work of Locarno must find a place within the framework of the League. It was not for the League to find a place within the framework of the political constitution of Locarno. He added that the Council cannot refuse to recognise the loyalty of Brazil and the high reasons inspiring her conduct.

EARLIER CABLES.

London, March 16.

The "Times," referring to the succession of intricate evolutions designed to give Poland at least a temporary seat, on the League Council, asks what is the desperate reason that it is so critically important that Poland should have a seat on the Council, and declares that Brazil could hardly be expected to maintain an obdurate attitude in critical affairs without some assurance of powerful outside support.

"Nationalism and internationalism have fought," and the former has signally triumphed. The lesson of this disillusioning will not be lost if the British Government in future anchors itself to the solid structure of the British Empire, and puts no faith in unsubstantial chimeras.

"Impossible At Present."

Geneva, March 16.

The importance of the occasion was shown in the anxious expression on the faces of the delegates at the opening of the League Assembly this morning. The public gallery was packed, and cameras and flashlights were more numerous than usual.

The Dominion representatives sat in a group near the British delegates, eagerly discussing the situation.

The proceedings opened with the reading of a long statement by the Brazilian delegate, Senhor Franco, who based his instructions from Rio de Janeiro, after which Sir Austen Chamberlain announced that in view of the nature of the Brazilian statement it was impossible for him at present to propose that the Assembly admit Germany to the League.

Brazil's Case.

Senhor Franco, reading a statement from the Brazilian Government, contended that South America should have more equitable representation on the Council, and much regretted that Germany should not be admitted to the League at present. He declared that his instructions were irrevocable.

Sir Austen Chamberlain, after announcing his inability to propose Germany's admission, said that he was profoundly happy that all the difficulties among the Locarno signatories were removed. If they had been the only obstacle to the admission of Germany to membership of the League and a permanent seat on the Council this pledge for the stability of peace would have been realised as they earnestly hoped it might have been. (Cheers.)

It was indeed a tragedy that another difficulty should have arisen, but the Locarno signatories had determined that the good work for peace, reconciliation, and co-operation should be interrupted.

Task Discharged.

Sir Austen Chamberlain said:—"I have discharged my task. It is a bitter disappointment to me that what I have striven for and what seemed well within our grasp must be postponed, but I am sure that the Assembly will share my hope and confidence that the adjournment question shall be an adjournment only in order to make certain that Germany takes their rightful place in the League."

Cheers, which were renewed when Sir Austen Chamberlain paid an eloquent tribute to Sweden and Czechoslovakia for their noble spirit of self-sacrifice and generosity making possible the removal of difficulties among the Locarno signatories.

"Humiliating."

M. Briand also paid a tribute to Czechoslovakia, and was profoundly convinced that the remaining difficulties would ultimately be removed.

AMERICA'S TRADE.

FIGHT AGAINST BRITISH RUBBER.

MR. HOOVER'S ASSERTIONS.

(Reuter's American Service.)

New York, March 17.

Addressing a meeting of members of the Export Managers' Club, Mr. Herbert Hoover, Secretary of Commerce, asserted that the recent fight against British rubber control served to warn foreign Governments that they cannot with impunity mobilise raw materials to the disadvantage of American consumers. He advocated the speediest abolition of the Government operation of ships as an essential development of the merchant marine and an extension of American foreign trade.

He expressed the fullest confidence in the ability of the United States to maintain her share of the world's foreign trade. He urged American co-operation in European reconstruction by means of additional loans for productive purposes.

Fears Scouted.

Mr. Hoover scouted the fears that foreign repayment debts would upset the American trade balance. He similarly denied that the increased tariff would so diminish the total imports as to destroy the ability of other nations to buy from America. He estimated that the annual foreign debt payment would be \$900,000,000, which would be more than counterbalanced by the vast payments abroad like tourists' expenditure as well as American loans totalling \$700,000,000 annually.

No Reprisals.

Mr. Hoover unalterably opposed reprisals by a trade war on the part of the United States against price-fixing discriminations like the British rubber monopoly. He expressed the opinion that such problems should be handled by the manufacturers themselves, the success of whose policy was exemplified by the recent fall of 50 per cent in the price of rubber.

Acilities would ultimately be over- come. The League would emerge stronger than ever though the present situation was a cruel one.

He deplored any event which undid the work of Locarno. "The present difficulties must disappear. Reorganisation is necessary because it is humiliating for the League to be exposed to such events." (Prolonged applause.)

He said that France regretted more than anyone that Germany was not joining the League this session, and he paid a tribute to the Germans for facing this event without ill-humour.

He moved a resolution regretting that present circumstances prevented Germany's entry, and hoping that the matter would be settled in September.

The Assembly adopted M. Briand's motion after statements by various delegates.

Delegates' Views.

Herr Louder (Holland) expressed dissatisfaction at the failure to admit Germany, and said that the Assembly expected that the League would not again be exposed to such an event as the present.

Dr. Nansen (Norway) hoped that Germany's admission would be secured in September.

Mr. Chu (China) urged that economic potentialities of geographic position be taken into consideration in deciding the composition of the Council.

The Roumanian delegate gave an assurance of co-operation with the Little Entente in the interests of peace.

M. Zahle (Denmark) emphasised that the Assembly was not responsible for the present difficulties.

The Albanian delegate caused a stir by pointing out that the Assembly was summoned to admit Germany, and demanding a vote thereon immediately, but the President put M. Briand's proposal.

Viscount Ishii, presiding, warmly tributed the spirit of sacrifice of Sweden and Czechoslovakia, and proposed the appointment of a special committee to study the problems confronting the Council. (Cheers.)

"Worst Crisis."

The feelings voiced in moderate language by Sir Austen Chamberlain and M. Briand to-day are being re-echoed in stronger terms on all sides, namely, that the League is passing the worst crisis in its history.

Commentators are particularly critical on an American State contributing to frustrate the admission of Germany and remodelled the Council in a matter essentially affecting European interests. It is held that this is an ironic development from the American continent, which invariably invokes the Monroe doctrine when America is concerned, though credit is given to practically all the other South American States in strongly pressing Brazil to abandon her attitude.

The failure to bring Germany into the League has created a sensation in Bern, where it is felt that the development of the League statutes.

Reasonable Solution.

(Havas Agency.)

Paris, March 16.

Whilst regretting that there was not sufficient preparation for the Geneva meeting, and outlining the necessity for reforming the statutes of the League of Nations, the papers consider that the postponement of Germany's admission is the most reasonable solution, and most achievements remain intact.

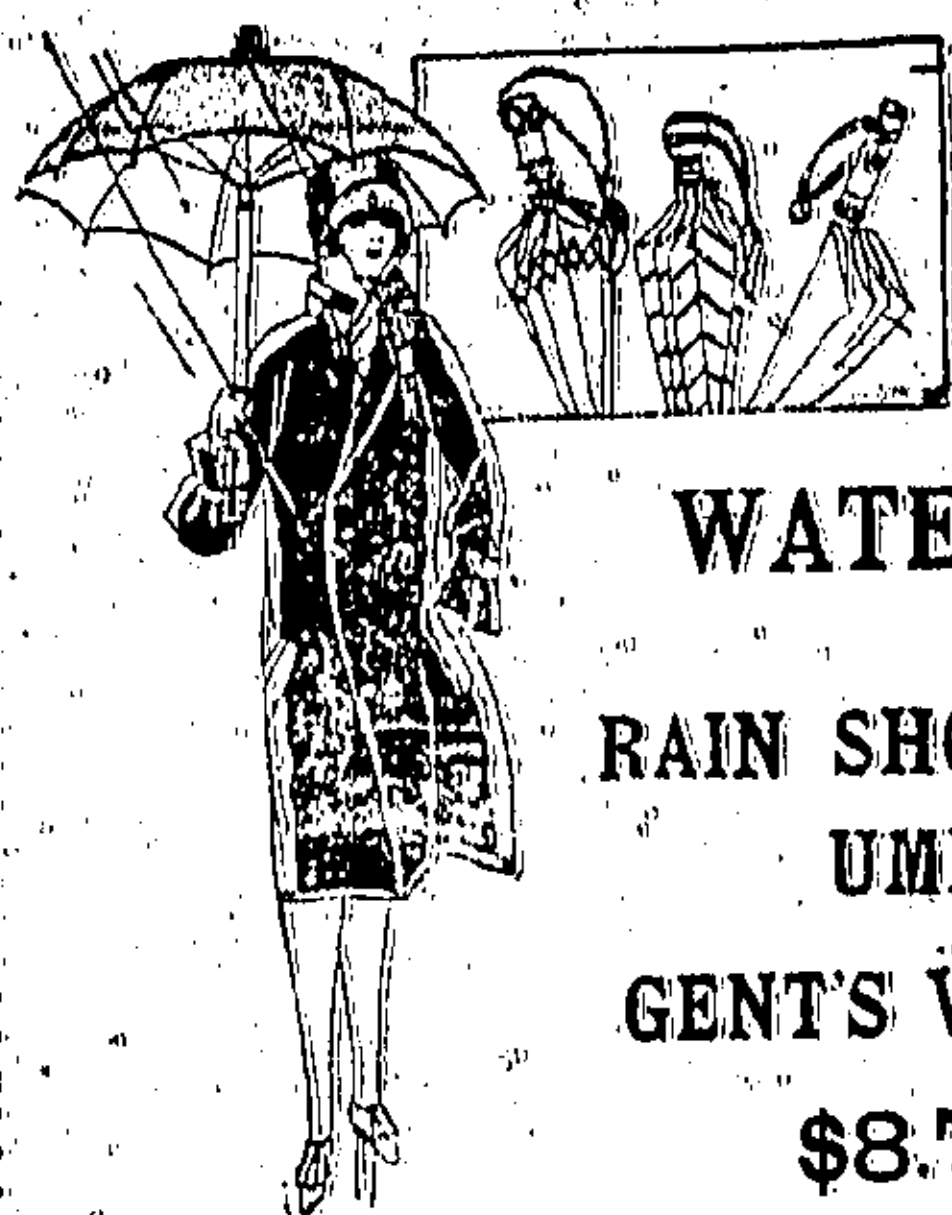
The "Parisien" reports that M. Briand declared that the Franco-German difference was entirely eliminated. As to Poland's candidature, they were in full accord. It is definitely understood that Poland will receive a seat on the Council at the same time as Germany. In fact, the crisis occurring within the League, and does not affect Franco-German relations.

LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, March 18, 1926, 10.30 a.m.

Name.	Hongkong Stock Exchange.	Hongkong Sharebroker Association.	Value of Real Estate.
T.T. on London	2/3 3/4	2/3 3/4	2/3 3/4
T.T. on Shanghai	76 3/4	76 3/4	nom.
Banks.			
Hongkong Bank	105 1/2 b. & sa.	105 1/2 b.	\$104 1/2 b.
do. London	21 1/2 n.	21 1/2 n.	\$126 n.
Chartered Bank	230 b.	230 n.	—
Mercantile Bank, A. & R.	21 1/2 b.	21 3/4 n.	—
do. C.	20 3/4 n.	20 3/4 n.	—
P. & O. Bank	279 b.	279 b.	\$78 n.
Bank of East Asia			
Marine Insurance.			
Canton Insurance	620 b.	620 b.	\$ 610 b.
China Underwriters	13 1/2 b. & sa.	2 30 n.	2 b.
North China Insurance.	T 145 n.	T 145 n.	\$285 n.
Union Insurance	28 1/2 b.	28 1/2 b.	—
Yangtze Insurance	44 1/2 b.	44 1/2 b.	—
Fire Insurance.			
China Fire Insurance	165 b.	165 b.	—
H.K. Fire Insurance	570 b.	560 b.	550 b.
Shipping.			
Douglases	28 1/2 b.	28 b.	26 s.
Hongkong Steamboats	24 1/2 b.	24 b.	24 n.
H.K. Tugs & Lighters.	27 1/2 b.	4 n.	2 1/2 b.
Indo-China (Pref.)	38 n.	30 —	37 n.
do. (Def.) Ltd.	40 n.	—	45 n.
do. (Ord.) Ltd.	—	45 n.	—
Oriental Navigation	250 n.	250 n.	—
Shell Transport	200 3/4 b.	200 6/8 n.	216 n.
Star Ferries	15 n.	64 1/2 n.	\$65 n.
Water-works	15 b.	15 n.	15 1/2 b.
Refineries.			
China Sugars	27 1/2 n.	26 b.	27 1/2 s.
Malayan Sugars	39 n.	35 n.	50 n.
Mining.			
Benguet	1,80 b.	—	—
Kallan Mining Ad.	42 1/2 b.	42 1/2 n.	47 1/2 n.
Langkats (Combined)	23 b.	T 23 b.	T 23 b.
do. (Single)	11 b.	11 b.	—
Shanghai Exploration	5 s.	5 n.	—
Shanghai Loan	7 n.	7 n.	—
Raub	35 b.	35 b.	6 —
Tronoh Mines	58 1/2 b. cum.	55 1/2 b.	—
Ural Caspian	8 1/2 n. (div.)	—	—
Docks & Wharves.			
H.K. & K. Wharves	131 1/2 b.	132 b.	\$131 b.
H.K. & W. Docks	62 1/2 b.	63 b.	63 b.
Hongkows	1710 b.	1710 b.	170 b.
New Engineerings	5 b.	T 5 1/2 b.	5 1/2 b.
Shanghai Docks	98 b.	98 b.	97 b.
Lands, Hotels & Bldgs.			
H.K. & S. Hotels (old)	9 1/2 b.	9 1/2 b.	9 1/2 b. & s.
do. (new)	9 1/2 b.	9 1/2 b.	—
Hongkong Lands	6 1/2 b.	6 1/2 b.	6 1/2 n.
H.K. Realty	5 1/2 b.	5 1/2 b.	5 1/2 n.
H.K. Territorials	5 1/2 s.	6 n.	6 n.
Humphreys Estates	14 1/2 b.	14 1/2 b.	14 1/2 b.
Princes Building	100 sa.	100 s.	—
Rural Lands	7 n.	—	—
Cotton Mills.			
Fuen Cottons	T 9 40 n.	T 9 1/2 b.	T 9 1/4 n.
Oriental	3 n.	2 90 b.	3 n.
Shanghai Cottons (old)	54 b.	54 s.	53
do. (new)	28 b.	27 s.	27
Miscellaneous.			
Canton Ice	\$7 1/2 n.	\$7 s.	\$ 7
Cements (comb.)	15 1/2 b. ex div.	15 1/2 n. x d.	15 1/2 s. x d.
do. (old)	12 1/2 b.	12 1/2 n. x d.	12 1/2
do. (new)	2 90 b.	3 n. x d.	3 —
China Buxton	T 10 1/2 b.	21 n.	21
China Lights (comb.)	21 1/2 b.	15 n.	21
do. (old)	15 b.	12 n.	14 1/2
do. (new)	12 1/2 s.	—	12
China Prov. (comb.)	8 10 n.	8 b.	8 1/2
do. (old)	—	—	—
do. (new)	—	—	—
Dairy Farms	20 sa.	19 1/2 sa.	19 1/2
Der. A Wing (full pd.)	10 n.	8 s.	—
do. (part pd.)	—	—	—
Hongkong Amusements.	11 1/2 b.	11 1/2 b.	—
H.K. Constructions	3 n.	3 n.	4
Hongkong Electric	59 n.	50 1/2 n.	59
H.K. Developments	25 cts n.	30 cts n.	25 cts
H.K. Ropes (comb.)	30 s.	—	35
do. (old)	10 1/2 n.	13 1/2 s.	13
do. (new)	5 1/2 n.	8 1/2 s.	8 1/2
Hongkong Tramways	25 sa.	24 1/2 s.	24 1/2
Lane, Crawford	10 1/2 b.	10 1/2 n.	10 1/2
Macao Electric	40 n.	—	—
MacIntosh	21 1/2 n.	—	—
Nanyang Tobaccos	—	12 1/2 b.	—
Peak Trams (old)	16 1/2 b.	16 b.	18
do. (new)	7 b.	8 b.	9
Sincere	11 n.	9 3/4 b.	10 1/2
Singapore Trams	—	8 n.	—
Taxis	4 s.	3 b.	3 1/2
United Asbestos.	20 n.	—	—
do. (Founders)	—	600 n.	—
do. (Ordinary)	—	18 n.	—
Watsons (old)	11. 20 b.	11 b.	10 1/2
do. (new)	12 b.	—	—
Wm. P. Wells	10 n.	9 1/2 n.	11
H.K. Telephone	3 1/2 b.	3 1/2 n.	3 1/2



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People and Events in the News of the World



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DAVID L. MARSHALL.

David L. Marshall, a Philadelphia chiropractor, has admitted dismembering the body of Anna May Dietrich, a pretty girl, according to Philadelphia police, who also claim that he now has confessed to murdering her to conceal his dual life. At first he said she committed suicide and he cut up the body, fearing to be involved in a scandal.



REV. A. C. E. JARVIS.



MANUEL REACHT.

Hannaford MacNider, the Assistant Secretary of War, has been inspecting United States Army posts with a view to checking work on preparedness. After three days' effort, Captain George Fried, of the U.S. "President Roosevelt," rescued all the crew of the foundered freighter "Antinoo" in mid-Atlantic. Rev. A. C. E. Jarvis has been appointed Chaplain-General of the British Army. Manuel Reacht, a Mexican diplomat, was silent on relations between United States and Mexico after an extended tour of European capitals.



Lieutenant John MacReady, the American altitude aviation ace, is ready to make another effort to fly to a height of seven miles. Bad weather delayed the flight, but MacReady hopes soon to exceed the record made by a French aviator.



Mrs. Elizabeth E. Woodhouse, the wife of John T. Woodhouse, millionaire tobacco manufacturer, is suing for divorce and \$200 a month alimony, and has asked the protection of Detroit police from detectives, who she says are following her.



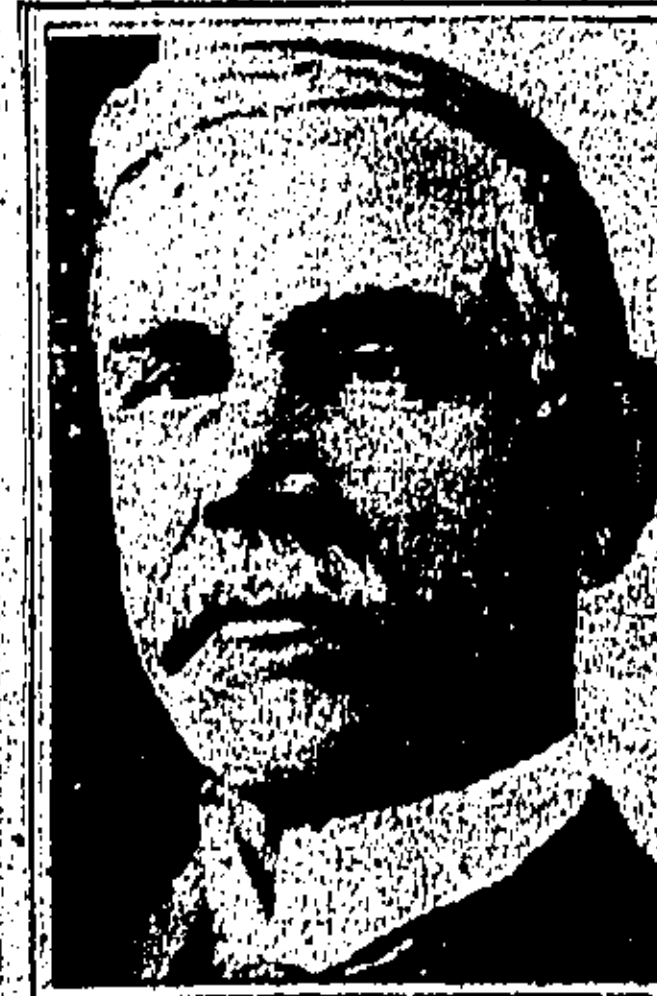
LESTER P. BARLOW.



AMOS H. BROWN.



BISHOP LEADBEATER.



SEN. REED SMOOT.

Lester P. Barlow of Stamford, Conn., is the inventor of the "flying torpedo" which he demonstrated to Army officials. Amos H. Brown, Boston, has just retired after sixty-two years on the Boston and Maine railway. Bishop Leadbeater is one of the delegates attending the theosophical convention at Madras, India. Senator Reed Smoot's new tax bill is expected to meet bitter opposition in the U.S. Senate.



FIELD IN ROBBERY.

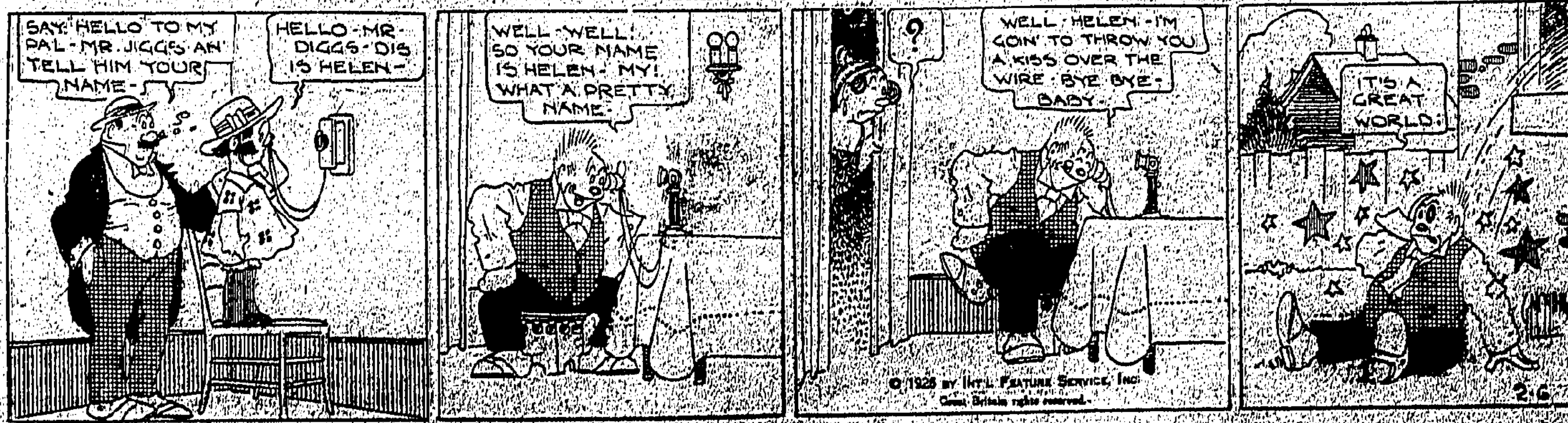
Involved by the sensational confession of Theodore Palmer, the express cashier, who admitted planning the hold-up in which a messenger was slain and several thousands of dollars stolen, James Lynch and Charles Strand, held in New York, are said by police to have admitted participating in the crime. They are shown being taken from "the Tomb." Strand is hiding his face with his hat.



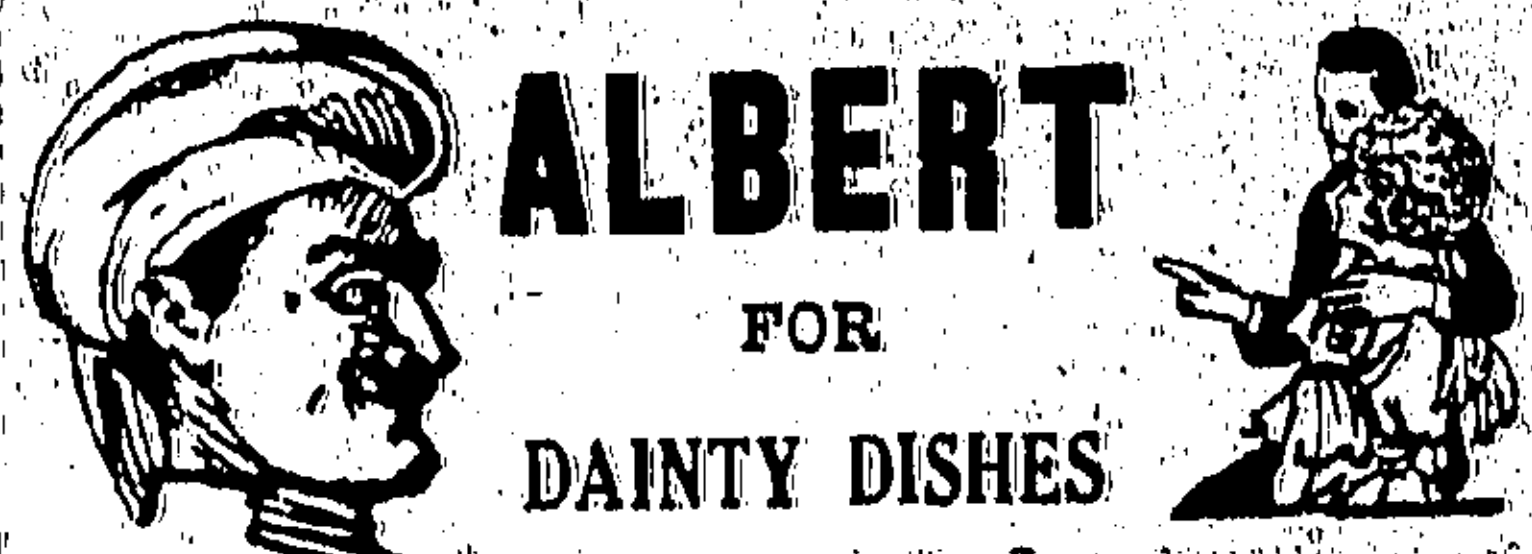
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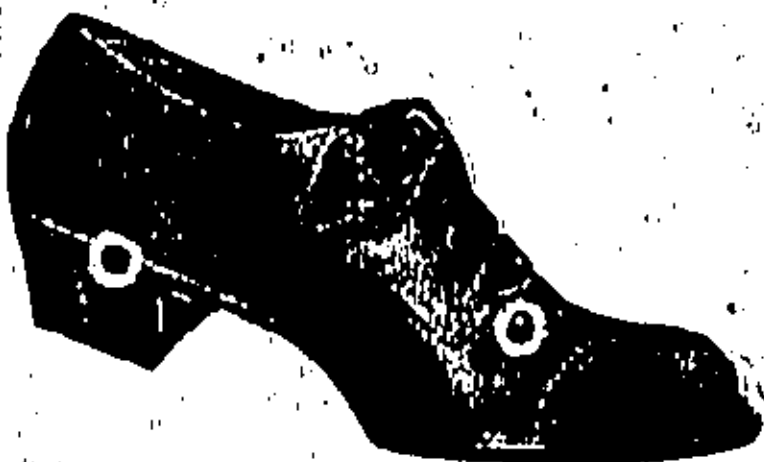
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ODDS AND ENDS

Pre-Columbian Toys.

Toys of the American Indian tribes never before exhibited have been placed on exhibition in the division of ethnology of the United States National Museum, says the "World Magazine." These playthings of the papooses from Alaska to Mexico reveal that the red men were efficient toy makers, and that their children found delight in the same imitation of their elders taken into consideration by the manufacturers of our modern Christmas amusement devices. While little Indian girls, the exhibit shows, could not hug the talking, walking, and sleeping dolls of our mechanical age, they did have plenty of dolls, with miniature peepers instead of doll-houses, and little cradles to carry on their backs like the ones their mother carried them in when they were babies. Among these dolls is one of the tiny Eskimo which is a real stuffed wild duck for baby to play with. Animal dolls were evidently very popular among the Indians. An ingenious beaver with a tail of leather marked in imitation of the big fat tail of the real beaver was made by an Appapah papa for his papoose. Cute little woolly buffaloes made out of different coloured beads are shown. Miniature elk and targets cut in the shape of buffaloes for little Indian boys to shoot at are also shown.

Crusoe's Island.
Not often does this island get into the newspapers, but Dr. Skottsberg, of Upsala University, Sweden, who had been there, found so much that is interesting about its plants that Juan Fernandez received a special notice in the "Kew Bulletin" (says the "Montreal Witness"). There are really three islands—Mas-a-Puera, which means "Near the sea"; Santa Clara; and Mas-a-Tierra, or "Near the land." The island "Near the land" is the island on which Alexander Selkirk, the original Robinson Crusoe, lived with his pigs and goats. The goats have long since gone wild, and Dr. Skottsberg complains that they are the chief enemies of the wild plants of the island, many of which are extremely rare, some being found only there. Dr. Skottsberg says that of the 142 species, 98 are found there more often than anywhere else, and some are rare that he thinks the leading scientific circles of the world might combine together to take steps to preserve them. Evidently, therefore, Robinson Crusoe's island is of great value to botanists. It is a poor rocky land with a dangerous coast, but it has one pretty valley, well watered, cutting its mountains into two. Here some 20 persons live or used to live a year or so ago, and among them three white people. Fishermen sometimes go there, but the sea-elephants and fur-seals which used to breed there were long ago killed off, and nearly all the valuable sandalwood trees of the valley have been cut down.



MISS HELEN LEWIS

Falling in love with a Red Cross "poster girl," Rudolph Raymond left his home in Italy, finally learning the girl's name. His frequent telephone calls annoyed her and she had him arrested. She is Miss Helen Lewis and related when Rudolph promised not to annoy her any more.

Skirts 10 Inches Longer.

The chief dress-makers in Paris are showing their spring creations. Two new colours are in evidence—fondant pink and celadon green. Fondant pink is shown in cloth as a coat trimmed with ostrich feather, and worn over a fondant pink and black-printed foulard dress, while the celadon green composes one side of a reversible evening cloak of silver lane and elderduck trimmed with gold guipure lace. Colours are combined for evening dresses as well as for day frocks. Bodices are made of one colour and the skirt of a contrasting colour. Taffetas, neapaper with renewed charm, gauzings, quiltings, box pleatings of bygone days return as up-to-date ornamentations for the modern gowns. The most noticeable change in the fashions is the length of the skirt, which has been let down nearly 10 inches. Umbrella-shaped skirts are hung from plain bodices which mould the figure. The hems of evening dresses are uneven, and yokes are greatly favoured, both on evening and day dresses. Almost every kind of sleeve is to be seen. Often the sleeves are of a different colour from the dress.

Cleaning Milk Bottles.

In the City of New York about 1,000,000 milk and cream bottles are distributed every day, says "Scientific American." Of these, 20 per cent. do not return; they are broken, thrown away, or are used for other purposes. That means that 800,000 bottles return daily to be washed. How much do we pay for washing the returned bottles? (asks "The World Magazine," New York.) Not much. A machine does it, and so many bottles are washed in a short time that the charge against any given bottle is very low. One of these machines can handle 250,000 bottles per day. Internal sterilising takes place at 210 degrees Fahrenheit, practically the boiling point of water. There are no brushes; these would carry contamination from bottle to bottle. When the sterilising has been done, the cooling water is applied to the outside of the bottle only, and not to the inside, which has just been sterilised. Even the carrying cups into which the bottles are inserted at the beginning are designed in such a manner that water cannot adhere to the lips of the bottles and thus possibly carry over contamination.

Flowers in the Bible.

Revision of translations of the Bible to correct mistakes and to "eliminate misinterpretations of the book which millions of people read with confidence" is urged by Dr. Ephraim Ha-Reubeni of Palestine, botanical adviser to the Palestinian Government (relates the "New York World"). The celebrated "Rose of Sharon" is not a rose, but a tulip, the tulipa precox, says Dr. Ha-Reubeni in his study of Biblical flowers, and "lilies of the field" are in reality Palestinian daisies. Commentators and translators of the Bible, having been neither botanists nor naturalists, "continue the report," "introduced many errors into their explanations and translations of the flora of the Bible into different languages. "The lily of the valley as interpreted by them grows neither in the valleys nor in any part of Palestine. The Harul, mentioned in Prov. xiv., 27, usually interpreted as Urtica (nettle) does not grow in open fields of Palestine, as all botanists know, but is nevertheless so translated in this verse. "At times huge trees of ancient forests, like the Nababulim and Naazuzim are turned into thistles and thorns! Or a lovely characteristic Palestine plant of the wadis (brooks) is converted into 'waste places.' "We have also found that the name 'Mary,' so frequently used in the Bible, does not carry with it the connotation of bitterness, as had been supposed for so long. It comes from moria, the sage, or salvia of Palestine, a flower of pleasant odour. Mount Moriah was named after it—and later Moriah was contracted into Mary."

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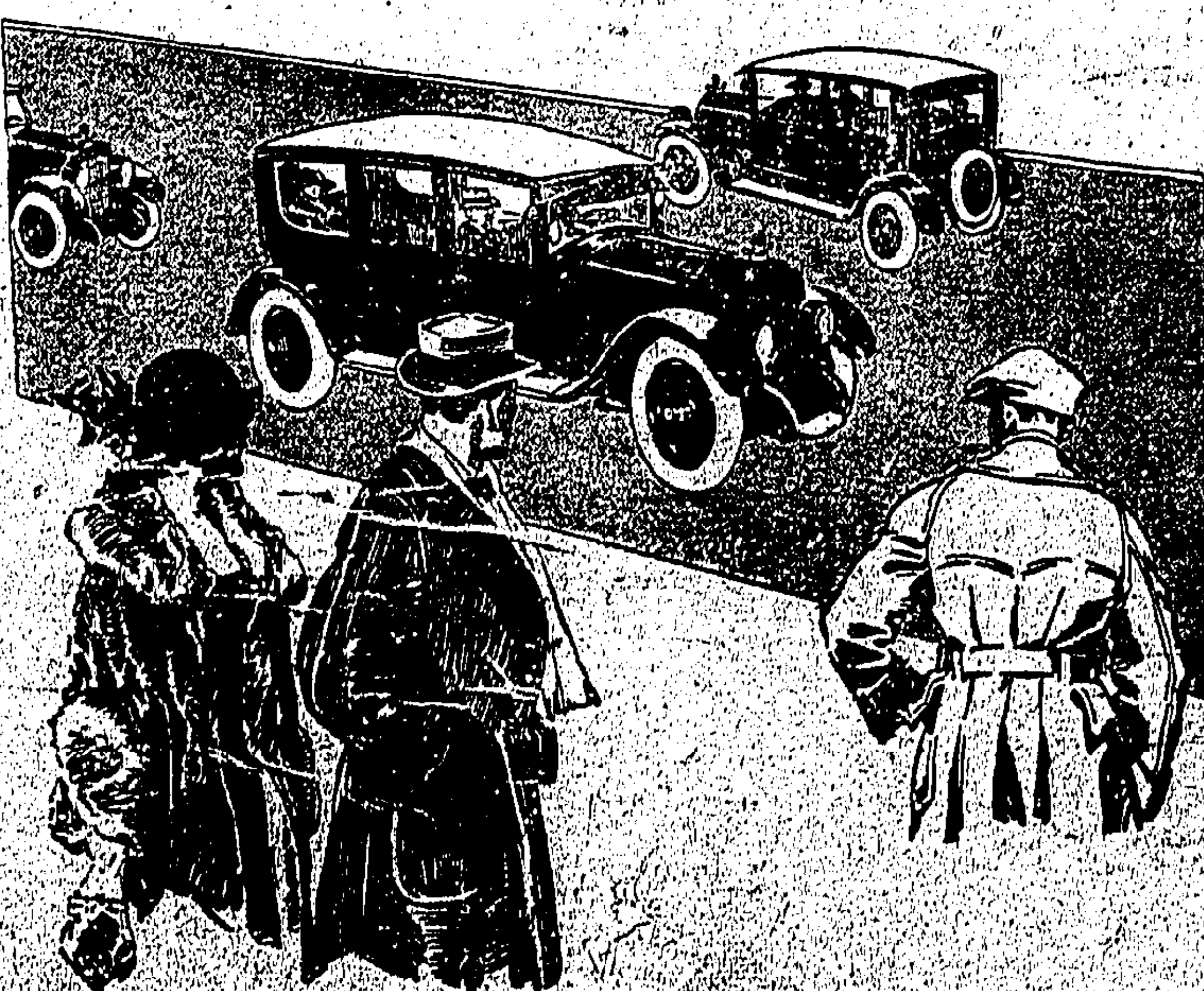
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